

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL
AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, 16 APRIL 2024

Report Title	Update on Annual Governance Statement Action Plan			
Purpose of Report	This report gives an update on the areas of focus identified for 2023/34 in the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23			
Decision(s)	The Committee RESOLVES to note the progress made against the Annual Governance Statement action plan			
Consultation and Feedback	n/a			
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Options	None			
Background Papers	Annual Governance Statement 2022/23			
Appendices	Appendix A – 2023/24 Action Plan			
Implications (further details at the end of the report)	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	No	No	No	No

1. Introduction / Background

- 1.1 Regulation 6(1) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations require the publication of an Annual Governance Statement ('AGS') by the Council.
- 1.2 The Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 was considered and agreed by this Committee in September 2023 and was subsequently signed by the Leader and Chief Executive.
- 1.3 The Statement contains an action plan which sets out the actions the Council is to take in relation to the areas of focus identified within the AGS 2022/23.
- 1.4 This report provides the committee with the latest update against that action plan – see Appendix A.
- 1.5 Members are asked to note that any actions that remain outstanding at the date of this report will be carried forward into next year's action plan.

2. Implications

2.1 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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2.2 Legal Implications

As detailed in the report, to evaluate good governance in practice, there is a statutory requirement under Regulation 6(1) of the Accounts and Audit England Regulations 2015

for the Council to conduct a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control and prepare and publish an annual governance statement. The CIPFA/ Solace Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework defines the principles that should underpin the governance of a local authority and provides a structure to help local authorities with their approach to governance.

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2.3 Equality Implications

An EIA is not required because there are not any specific changes to service delivery proposed within this decision.

2.4 Environmental Implications

There are no significant implications within this category.