ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT ACTION PLAN 2015/16

Essential Reference Paper 'B'

Required enhancements to internal control arrangements:

Issue	Resp.	Target	Actions needed to achieve	Current position	RAG
Asset Management Plan	Off. CMT	Dates December 2015 for draft plan to CMT, with submission to Executive by March 2016.	Review strategy for each asset held by the Council to provide an outcome for each one.	Draft Asset Management Plan considered in December 2015 by CMT and Asset Management Working Group. This will be submitted for consideration by Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee on 22 March 2016 and the Executive on 5 April 2016.	AMBER
			 Review Asset Management Plan in line with RICS guidance. 	As above.	AMBER
			 Assess the requirements of an Asset Management IT system and begin procurement. 	 IT system identified and procured in October 2015. A Project Plan is 	GREEN

				currently being drawn up for implementation in 2016.	
Impact of Welfare Reform changes	CMT	April 2016 revised to October 2016	Impending Legislation will have an adverse financial impact on a significant number of residents.	Revenues and Benefits, Customer Services and Housing staff are meeting regularly to ensure a consistent approach. Joint staff training is being carried out in preparation.	AMBER
			 Provide residents more support for services across the Council to staffing levels, manage the budget and the public expectations. 	The Impact of Welfare Reform changes is recognised as a specific Strategic Risk. Revenues & Benefits have this area under constant review.	
			Implement Council policies effectively.	Some significant changes (CAP) will not take place until the autumn of 2016.	
Development of a District	CMT	March 2016 revised to	Pre-submission document agreed for consultation.	Following an advisory meeting with PINS further	AMBER

Plan that is approved by the planning inspectorate.	October/ November 2016		actions have been identified which require additional work. This leads to the retiming of the pre-submission document.	
	October 2016 revised to February 2017	Submission document agreed and submitted to PINS.	The ability to advance this action is dependent on a number of factors including: the level of response to consultation and the issues raised; the resolution of outstanding infrastructure concerns; and ongoing discussions under the Duty-to-Cooperate. Risks to the timeline will be minimised through ongoing work with stakeholders and DCLG/PINS.	AMBER
	February 2017	Examination of Plan.	Examination of the Plan will commence in	AMBER

revised to April/May 2017		accordance with a timeline issued by PINS. More detailed assessment of the risks at this stage will be possible following the release of the submission version of the Plan. Action would be taken, as appropriate, to reduce any identified risks.	
May 2017 revised to September 2017	Adoption of District Plan	 Adoption of the District Plan will be dependent on the outcome of the Examination. More detailed assessment of the risks at this stage will be possible following the release of the submission version of the Plan. Action would be taken, as appropriate, to reduce any identified risks. 	AMBER