

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

ACTION PLAN 2016/17

Significant governance issues

The following required enhancements to internal control arrangements were identified during 2015/16 as a result of the review of arrangements and by the work of external and internal audit:

Required enhancements to internal control arrangements:

Issue	Resp. Off.	Initial Target Date	Actions needed to achieve milestone
Impact of Welfare Reform changes	Leadership Team	Oct 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impending Legislation will have an adverse financial impact on a significant number of residents. Officers will monitor the impact of these changes both on residents and the business of the Council. • Provide residents more support for services across the Council through staffing levels, budget management and the communication with residents. • Implement Council policies effectively.
Development of a District Plan that is approved by the planning inspectorate.	Leadership Team	Dec 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan to be agreed within required timeframe.

We propose to address the above matters to further enhance our governance arrangements. We are satisfied that these steps will address the need for improvements that were identified in our review of effectiveness and will monitor their implementation and operation as part of our next annual review.

Certification by the Leader of the Council and the Head of Paid Service:

Signed.....Dated.....

**Councillor Linda Haysey
Leader of the Council**

Signed.....Dated.....

**Liz Watts
Chief Executive**