

# **East Herts Council Report**

## **Performance, Audit and Governance Oversight Committee**

**Date of Meeting:** 17 March 2020

**Report by:** Bob Palmer, Head of Strategic Finance and Property

**Report title:** Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 – Update on Action Plan

**Ward(s) affected:** All

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### **Summary**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PERFORMANCE, AUDIT & GOVERNANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE:**

- (a) The update on the AGS 2018/19 action plan be reviewed and Members confirm that the requirements of the action plan have been met.**

### **1.0 Proposal(s)**

- 1.1 This report proposes that the requirements of the action plan of the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2018/19 have been met.

### **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 An AGS is completed annually to summarise issues of concern with governance that have arisen during the year. To address those concerns, an action plan is included.

### **3.0 Reason(s)**

- 3.1 As part of a framework of good governance, it is important that management and Members can demonstrate that governance issues are acted upon and the implementation of recommendations is monitored.
- 3.2 The updates have largely been taken from previous information supplied to PAGO. Leadership Team have confirmed the accuracy of this information and supplemented it where necessary.

### **4.0 Options**

- 4.1 Members can either acknowledge the progress made and confirm that the action plan has been implemented, or ask for additional actions or monitoring.

### **5.0 Risks**

- 5.1 The timely implementation of governance recommendations will reduce the risks to the Council.

### **6.0 Implications/Consultations**

- 6.1 Leadership Team were consulted on the original AGS and have provided the responses to the action plan.

### **Community Safety**

No

### **Data Protection**

No

### **Equalities**

No

## **Environmental Sustainability**

No

## **Financial**

One of the actions concerned a need to better monitor savings proposals and this has been addressed during 2019/20.

## **Health and Safety**

No

## **Human Resources**

No

## **Human Rights**

No

## **Legal**

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 stipulate that all authorities must conduct a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal controls and prepare an Annual Governance Statement each financial year.

## **Specific Wards**

No

## **7.0 Background papers, appendices and other relevant mater**

None

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