

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to:	Audit Committee
Date of Meeting:	28 March 2018
Subject:	Monitoring of Significant Governance Issues
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Lead Member:	Councillor D J Waters, Leader of the Council
Number of Appendices:	1

Executive Summary:

The report attaches, at Appendix 1, a table incorporating the Significant Governance Issues which were identified in the Council's Annual Governance Statement (AGS), approved by the Audit Committee on 19 July 2017, and the action to be taken to address them. The table indicates the progress on those specified actions by 1 March 2018, to enable the Audit Committee to monitor progress on these actions as required by the Annual Governance Statement.

Recommendation:

To CONSIDER the information set out in Appendix 1 and to review progress against the actions.

Reasons for Recommendation:

To comply with the requirements of the Review of Effectiveness of the Council's Annual Governance Statement.

Resource Implications:

None arising from this report.

Legal Implications:

None arising from this report.

Risk Management Implications:

Risk management is an integral part of the Corporate Governance Framework and actions taken to mitigate the Significant Governance Issues will also help mitigate related business risks.

Performance Management Follow-up:

Further review by Audit Committee when approving the 2017/18 Annual Governance Statement will take place in July 2018.

Environmental Implications:

None.

1.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

- 1.1** On the 19 July 2017, the Audit Committee approved the Council's Annual Governance Statement for 2016/17 which forms part of the Annual Statement of Accounts. The purpose of the Statement is to provide assurance that the Council's Governance Framework is adequate and effective.
- 1.2** As part of the Annual Governance Statement, the Council is required to identify the Significant Governance Issues faced by the Council and to set out the proposed actions to be taken to address those issues and the timescale within which those actions will be taken. The role of the Audit Committee is to formally monitor progress on actions arising from the Significant Governance Issues identified in the statement.

2.0 SIGNIFICANT GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 2.1** The table set out at Appendix 1 comprises the Significant Governance Issues identified and the proposed action and timescale, with the addition of a further column which indicates the progress by 1 March 2018. In respect of those governance issues where action is due to have taken place already, there has been progress although not all of the specified work has been completed. In respect of the outstanding items, a revised date has been included in the timescale column to indicate the date by which the action should be completed. The revised dates take into account resourcing and other priorities. These governance issues will be carried forward to the 2017/18 Annual Governance Statement which will be considered by the Committee at its next meeting.

3.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 3.1** None.

4.0 CONSULTATION

- 4.1** The Corporate Governance Group has been consulted on progress on the proposed actions.

5.0 RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES/STRATEGIES

- 5.1** Code of Corporate Governance.

6.0 RELEVANT GOVERNMENT POLICIES

- 6.1** None.

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (Human/Property)

- 7.1** None arising from this report.

8.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (Social/Community Safety/Cultural/ Economic/ Environment)

- 8.1** None.

9.0 IMPACT UPON (Value For Money/Equalities/E-Government/Human Rights/Health And Safety)

9.1 None.

10.0 RELATED DECISIONS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTS

10.1 Audit Committee 19 July 2017 – Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2016/17
Council 24 June 2008 – Approval of Code of Corporate Governance

Background Papers: Annual Governance Statement 2016/17

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Appendices: Appendix 1 - Monitoring of Significant Governance Issues 2016/17