

# TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>Report to:</b>	Audit and Governance Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	29 July 2020
<b>Subject:</b>	Monitoring of Significant Governance Issues
<b>Report of:</b>	Borough Solicitor
<b>Corporate Lead:</b>	Borough Solicitor
<b>Lead Member:</b>	Lead Member for Corporate Governance
<b>Number of Appendices:</b>	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, approved by the Audit and Governance Committee on 24 July 2019, and the action to be taken to address them. The table indicates the progress on those specified actions by 1 July 2020, to enable the Audit and Governance 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:**

An update on the progress of implementing the significant governance issues is reported to each Audit and Governance Committee meeting.

**Environmental Implications:**

None.

**1.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND**

- 1.1** On 24 July 2019 the Audit and Governance Committee approved the Council's Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 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 and Governance Committee is to 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 as at 1 July 2020.

**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 24 July 2019 – Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2018/19  
Council 24 June 2008 – Approval of Code of Corporate Governance

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**Background Papers:** Annual Governance Statement 2018/19

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**Appendices:** Appendix 1 - Monitoring of Significant Governance Issues 2019/20