

# TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>Report to:</b>	Audit and Governance Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	23 March 2023
<b>Subject:</b>	Monitoring of Significant Governance Issues
<b>Report of:</b>	Corporate Director
<b>Head of Service/Director:</b>	Corporate Director
<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 23 November 2022, and the action to be taken to address them. The table indicates the progress on those specified actions as at 28 February 2023 to enable the Audit and Governance Committee to monitor progress as required by the Annual Governance Statement.

## **Recommendation:**

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

## **Financial Implications:**

None arising from this report.

## **Legal Implications:**

None arising from this report.

## **Environmental and Sustainability Implications:**

None arising from this report.

## **Resource Implications (including impact on equalities):**

None arising from this report.

## **Safeguarding Implications:**

None arising from this report.

## **Impact on the Customer:**

In relation to the following items on Appendix 1 customers should expect the following:

- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) – governance arrangements
  - The formalisation of arrangements between partners should lead to better negotiation of CIL priorities/delivery for communities.
- Licensing Service Review
  - Improved service.
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund
  - The fund aims to target funding to build pride in place, support high quality skills training, support pay, employment and productivity growth and increase life chances.
- Equality and Diversity
  - Removing the barriers that prevent people from fully participating in public life and realising their full potential.

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

**1.1** On 23 November 2022, the Audit and Governance Committee approved the Council's Annual Governance Statement for 2021/22 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 the 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 28 February 2023.

## **3.0 CONSULTATION**

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

## **4.0 ASSOCIATED RISKS**

**4.1** None arising from this report.

## **5.0 MONITORING**

**5.1** Through regular six-monthly reports to the Audit and Governance Committee.

## **6.0 RELEVANT COUNCIL PLAN PRIORITIES/COUNCIL POLICIES/STRATEGIES**

**6.1** Audit and Governance Committee 23 November 2022 – Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022

Council 24 June 2008 – Approval of Code of Corporate Governance

Council Plan – Customer First

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<b>Background Papers:</b>	Audit and Governance Committee 23 November 2022 – Approval of Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022 Council 24 June 2008 – Approval of Code of Corporate Governance
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<b>Appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 - Significant Governance Issues