

## ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS REPORT

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Local Code ref	Local Code Measures	Resp	Original Deadline	Date Impl	Progress Comment
<b>Existing Actions (references updated to revised Local Code)</b>					
B9, B10	Overall, several Local Code provisions to ensure that the authority as a whole is open and accessible to the community, service users and its staff and ensure that it has a commitment to openness and transparency in all its dealings including partnerships subject only to the need to preserve confidentiality in those specific circumstances where it is proper and appropriate.	Operational Lead Support Services; Performance, Innovation and Commissioning Specialist	CC commenced , due to continue over next 2 years.	In progress	Information governance, data quality and transparency will all feature as part of the Customer Connect Programme, particularly the implementation of the new digital platform. In addition, the new platform will also enhance communication with customers, ensure that it is easier to access services and gather feedback.  Governance and Accountability working group of officers established to embed governance across the organisation and to review corporate documents
D14	Link service plans to agreed measures and targets within the Council plan (including Social Value)  Set out clear financial and contract procedure rules, kept under review as part of the overall Constitution of the Council.	Strategy Lead Specialist; Performance, Innovation and Commissioning Specialist; Finance Lead Specialist; Legal, Governance and Democracy Lead Specialist	December 2019	In progress	Embedding of procurement practices into service planning (eg identifying contracts in plans) along with wider consideration of social value around delivery options. Update: A Commissioning Framework was approved and a revised Procurement Strategy will be considered by Cabinet in April 2021 which will incorporate social value alongside other relevant policies such as climate change and biodiversity. Progress has been delayed due to additional requirements of Covid-19. Internal Audit report has given limited assurance to contract management: the internal audit recommendations are being implemented.

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RECOMMENDATION IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS REPORT**

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E3	Ensuring appropriate financial skills of Officers scored 3 out of 4 with some scope to make financial acumen requirements more explicit.	Finance Lead Specialist / Human Resources Lead Specialist	March 2020	In progress	This is a medium term strategic project which also links in to Customer Connect. Progress has been hampered by the additional demands of responding to Covid-19, one-to-one development has been progressing, some external training has been on-going and internal training is being arranged. Internal finance SharePoint site developed.