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Committee – Governance & Audit
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Subject: Corporate Governance Review

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Purpose / Summary:

To present the report on the review of governance

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That members agree the findings of the report and the action plan.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: None

Financial: None

Staffing: None

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights: None

Risk Assessment: None

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities: None

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

X

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

X

Executive Summary

Not applicable.

1 Introduction

1. Following the internal audit annual report, presented at the last meeting of the Committee, giving limited assurance to governance arrangements, an action plan and details of the work that has taken place were considered.
2. To reflect the importance placed on making sure that our governance framework is fit for purpose and is embedded within the organisation, Jeanette McGarry was commissioned to review our governance arrangements and to help us to embed the corporate governance framework.
3. The report attached is the result of consultation, workshops and conversation with:
 - Internal Audit
 - External Audit
 - Core and wider management teams
 - The Corporate Governance Team
 - And reviews and testing of how the framework is actually working and the extent to which it is embedded throughout the organisation.

Corporate Governance Review Report

- 2.1 The report details the findings of the review at September 2013. The recommendations should be read in conjunction with the Annual Governance Statement, which is the statutory statement for the year up to the end of March 2013.
- 2.2 Once agreed, the action plan will be developed with SMART measures and assigned responsibility and timescales to deliver for the committee to oversee.