Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 Action Plan

Issue	Description	Action	Current Position	Date Due	Officer	BRAG
Implementation of General Data Protection Regulations	To ensure compliance with new regulations coming into force on 25th May 2018, which aim to increase cybersecurity and the protection of personal data	 Devise project plan and milestones Undertake self-assessment exercise and act on findings Determine response for appointment of DPO Implement scheme of staff training and awareness Maintain on-going review of guidance and best practice Obtain external assessment of delivery plan 	1. Project plan designed and progress review mechanisms in place 2. Self-assessment exercise underway 3. Training packages being investigated 4. DPO position appointed 5. Communications plan developed 6. Audit scheduled for Q3 to check progress	30/06/2018	I. Knowles	Green
Political Governance	To maintain and re-inforce the current high standards of behaviour across all levels of democratic governance within West Lindsey	1. Roll-out newly adopted Code of Conduct via training/workshops 2. Deliver specific Member behaviour training via external provider 3. Produce annual report to Standards Committee 4. Work closely with Group Leaders 5. Work with team managers and other key staff on working in a political environment	1. New Code of Conduct in place 2. Training delivered for Members July 2017 3. Regular meetings scheduled with Group Leaders 4. Team manager training incorporated into Workforce Development Plan 5. Annual report presented to Standards Committee 6. Training sessions scheduled for Member/Officer working	31/07/2018	A. Robinson	Green

			protocols and political awareness			
Partnerships	To critically evaluate and maintain the effectiveness of the Council's key strategic partnerships	1. Review all key partnerships and update partnership register 2. Report to GCLT on evaluation 3. Raise awareness and understanding across staff 4. Implement on-going monitoring and reporting on effectiveness	1. Paper to GCLT in May 2017 setting out rationale 2. Review of Audit Commission's 'Governing Partnerships' guidance underway 3. Review meetings TBA with partnership leads 4. Cleanse of partnership register completed	31/07/2018	I. Knowles	Green
Value for Money	To complete value for money assessments across service areas and develop appropriate improvement plans to achieve greater value for money and increased productivity; wider usage of benchmarking and the creation of a value for money culture	1. Gain understanding of benchmarking tool 2. Undertake VfM assessments across a number of service areas 3. Report initial findings to GCLT and learning obtained 4. Roll-out VfM work across remaining service areas 5. Identify improvements required and plans for delivery 6. Monitor progress through internal processes	1. VfM tool utilised and VfM assessments produced 2. VfM Handbook produced 3. Findings presented to a number of service areas with discussions and consideration of results	31/07/2018	I. Knowles	Green
Delivery of Key Commercial and Community Based Projects	To deliver at the required pace, key projects in support of the Corporate Plan which deliver benefits for the whole of the District	 Ensure effective Sponsorship of all key projects Review delegation arrangements and streamlining of governance arrangements Effective Board scrutiny and 	 Sponsorship of key programmes and projects allocated Work underway to examine governance processes Board ToRs in place 	31/07/2018	E. Fawcett- Moralee	Green

		challenge/support for programme delivery 4. Commission audits into 'Effective Decision Making' and 'Commercial Plans Delivery' 5. Act on recommendations of Commercial Plans Delivery audit	following review 4. 'Quality of Decision Making' consultancy review found the decision making process for large scale programmes and projects is robust and can be considered to be supportive of good decision making 5 'Commercial Plans Delivery' audit reported limited assurance — recommended actions being progressed			
Resilience and	To balance the Council's	1. Workforce Development	1. Current Workforce	31/07/2018	I. Knowles	Green
Capacity	capacity to deliver ambitious	Plan reviewed and updated	Development Plan ready			
	programmes with the	2. Implement resourcing plan	to be reviewed taking			
	operational and	to ensure appropriate	account of appraisal 16/17			
	management responsibilities	skills/capacity in place	needs			
	placed on staff	3. Undertake to streamline	2. Outline Resourcing Plan			
		processes to deliver greater	principles in place			
		efficiency and delivery	3. Work underway to			
		capacity	examine processes of			
		4. Completion of Business	governance following			
		Plans to identify staff	external review			
		resources required to deliver	4. Restructure at			
		objectives through to 2020/21	management level			
		5. Undertake review of	completed			
		progress of the Corporate Plan	5. Business Plans			
		and identify and prioritise	submitted and analysis			
		future work programmes	completed. Feedback			
			provided by Directors			

			6. Review of Corporate Plan underway			
Selective Licensing	For Members to receive and consider a report evaluating the implementation and effectiveness of the scheme	 Officers to collate data and information and produce report Report to be presented and approved by Prosperous Communities Committee Oct 	 Scheme in place and monitoring and review of effectiveness in place Report received by PC Committee and approved. Now deemed as BaU activity 	31/12/2017	M. Sturgess	Black
Development Management	To receive the findings of an audit into the service, providing oversight and scrutiny to ensure subsequent recommendations and actions are appropriately considered and implemented	Audit to be completed and findings considered by GCLT Audit report to be presented to G&A Committee Actions to be completed and signed off	1. Audit completed and report received. Substantial assurance rating received and findings reviewed by G&A Committee Nov'17 2. Await evidence of sufficient progress against agreed audit actions	31/03/2018	M. Sturgess	Green