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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 2024

Report of the Director of Finance

Annual Governance Statement - update

1. Purpose

1.1 To update the Committee on the Councils progress towards implementing actions agreed as part of the Annual Governance Statement

2. Information and Analysis

2.1 The Committee approved the Annual Governance Statement for inclusion in the Councils accounts for 2023/24 at its meeting on 16th July 2024.

2.2 The Statement forms parts of the Council's Statutory Accounts and reflects the governance arrangements in place across the Council, against the CIPFA / SOLACE Framework "Delivering Good Governance in Local Government"

2.3 An action plan was agreed in respect of any areas requiring attention following the above review.

2.4 The Committee requested that it should be kept informed, on a regular basis, of progress towards implementing the agreed actions.

2.5 This report presents the first regular update for the Committees attention and information.

3. Consultation

3.1 None required

4. Alternative Options Considered

4.1 None, this report is intended to provide an update to the Committee on implementation progress and, as such, is part of the Committee's oversight role over governance and risk in the Council.

5. Implications

5.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

6. Background Papers

6.1 None

7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1 – Implications

8. Recommendation(s)

That Committee:

a) Notes the update provided in the appendix

9. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

9.1 To ensure the Committee is informed of progress towards implementation of the agreed action plan contained within the Annual Governance Statement

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Implications

Financial

1.1 n/a

Legal

2.1 The Accounts and Audit Regulations (2015) as amended by the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021 require the Council to conduct a review at least once a year on the effectiveness of its system of internal control and include an Annual Governance Statement reporting on the review with the Statement of Accounts.

Human Resources

3.1

Information Technology

4.1

Equalities Impact

5.1

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

6.1

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental, Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

7.1