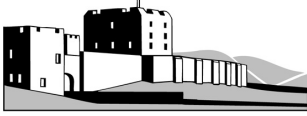


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## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

### ***Committee Report***

**Public**

**Date of Meeting:** 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011

**Title:** ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT – ACTION PLAN

**Report of:** Assistant Director (Resources)

**Report reference:** RD60/11

**Summary:**

This report updates Members on progress made to the Annual Governance Statement Action Plan. It includes any weaknesses identified during the preparation of the 2010/11 Annual Governance Statement and also details progress against actions identified during previous reviews.

**Recommendations:**

Members are requested to note the attached Action Plan and the current position relating to each of the areas that have been identified

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CITY OF CARLISLE

To: The Audit Committee  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2011

RD60/11

**ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT – ACTION PLAN**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The CIPFA/SOLACE Framework document “Delivering Good Governance in Local Government” (and subsequent application note) requires the Council to revise and update its Code of Corporate Governance and to produce an Annual Governance Statement signed by the S151 Officer, Leader and Chief Executive.
- 1.2 The Framework also requires the Council to draw up an Action Plan in order to address weaknesses and to ensure that continuous improvement of the system of control is in place.
- 1.3 CIPFA has issued “The Role of the Chief Financial Officer in Local Government” which the Council must have regard to when preparing its Annual Governance Statement and when ensuring compliance with the principles contained within the Good Governance Framework.

**2. ACTION PLAN**

- 2.1 An updated Action Plan is attached to this report as **Appendix A** for Members’ information. This now includes the Carlisle Airport Planning Application which has been deemed as “significant”, however there are no further significant issues which need to be brought to Members attention.
- 2.2 In accordance with established practice, this Action Plan is monitored and the updated status is reported to Members of this Committee on a quarterly basis.
- 2.3 There are no new areas of risk arising from the Audit reviews or from the Risk Registers that need to be drawn to Members’ attention.

**3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members are requested to note the attached Action Plan and the current position relating to each of the areas that have been identified

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**ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

**APPENDIX A**

**ACTION PLAN – UPDATE OCTOBER 2011**

	<b><u>CURRENT STATUS AND ACTION REQUIRED</u></b>	<b><u>RESPONSIBILITY</u></b>	<b><u>TARGET DATE</u></b>
1.	Community Empowerment Pilots to be developed	Assistant Director (Community Engagement)	<p>To be progressed through the City Council’s Community, Housing and Health Service through their 2011/12 Work Programme. Learning from the Community Empowerment Pilots will provide direction for the 5 new Development Officers within the recently established Wellbeing Team. Their remit includes liaising with community groups to carry out capacity building, create empowered communities throughout Carlisle and ensure requirements of the Localism Bill (due December 2011) are met.</p> <p>Budget restraints mean the same level of capital and revenue support cannot be maintained. Work in both Pilot and new areas will require adaptation but some relevant and valuable work will be maintained and opportunities for new work identified.</p> <p>Specific work within each community will vary and be informed by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A range of local intelligence, including input from Elected Members, residents, partners and any community led/parish plans.</li><li>• All available resources within the City, and County</li></ul>

			<p>Councils and other key partners to enable effective partnership working to take place. Partners include the County Council's Area Support Team, registered housing providers, public health professionals, the police, residents associations and Parish Councils.</p> <p>Joint Working</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 2011 - City and County Council met to discuss Locality Working</li> <li>• April/May 2011- Collaborative team building days involving the City and County Council and community and neighbourhood staff teams took place</li> </ul> <p>It is reiterated that the role of local Ward Members in this process is vital. Any future development will be carried out in close dialogue with them.</p>
2.	Carlisle Airport Planning Application	Strategic Director/ Assistant Director (Economic Development)/ Assistant Director (Governance)	The Audit Commissioners report included 10 recommendations which have been accepted by full Council and which were reported to Members of the Audit Committee on 27 <sup>th</sup> September. All of the recommendations are being implemented with immediate effect with the exception of recommendation 5 which has a deadline of February 2012. The position will be closely monitored and will be subject to a further separate report to a future Audit Committee.