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Committee Report

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Title: ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT – ACTION PLAN

Report of: Director of Resources

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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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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 at this point in time.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

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APPENDIX A

ACTION PLAN – UPDATE APRIL 2012

	<u>CURRENT STATUS AND ACTION REQUIRED</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>TARGET DATE</u>
1.	Community Empowerment Pilots to be developed	Director of Community Engagement	<p>The Wellbeing Team support a number of community organisations and Community Centres, offering support and advice to identify priorities, address any issues and identify funding sources. This work will form the basis of future community led plans.</p> <p>Elected Members are a vital part of this process and the team are actively engaging with them to identify ways of working in partnership to resolve local issues and develop new initiatives.</p> <p>There are ongoing meetings between Cumbria County Council and the City Council to share good practice and look for ways in which to foster closer working partnerships</p> <p>Discussion is beginning to identify how the Community Empowerment Pilot model can be rolled out to other areas. It is recognised that improving the health and wellbeing of any community falls beyond the scope of any one partner. They will provide an opportunity to re-shape the way services are delivered, identify efficiencies through collaborative working and will aim to improve residents life</p>

			<p>chances and tackle the so called wicked issues that are beyond the remit of any one organisation.</p> <p>As identified previously, specific work within each community will vary and be informed by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available funding and resources • A range of local intelligence, including input from Elected Members, residents, partners and any community led/parish plans. • Effective and sustainable partnerships being further developed or created to identify new and innovative ways of working.
2.	Carlisle Airport Planning Application	Deputy Chief Executive/ Director of Economic Development/ Director of Governance	<p>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 27th 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.</p>