

**Report To: Corporate Governance Committee**

**Date of Meeting: 27 February 2013**

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**Title: Corporate Governance Framework Action Plan**

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**1. What is the report about?**

This report provides the Committee with the latest action plan and progress update resulting from the review of the Council's governance framework and the Annual Governance Statement 2011/12.

**2. What is the reason for making this report?**

Corporate Governance Committee monitors the Corporate Governance Framework Action plan on a regular basis as part of the Council's overall governance arrangements.

**3. What are the Recommendations?**

Committee considers and comments on progress in managing the actions in the Corporate Governance Framework Action Plan.

**4. Background**

4.1. The Council's Corporate Governance Framework includes an annual assessment of the Council's governance arrangements and an Annual Governance Statement that highlights any significant governance weaknesses. The Framework also highlights further areas that, while not being significant weaknesses, still need improvement.

4.2. The Governance Group has developed an action plan (Appendix 1) arising from the latest review of governance arrangements. The action plan is flexible and may need to be added to as issues arise during the year, as we monitor governance arrangements throughout the year rather than a one-off process at year-end.