Annual Governance Statement – Action Plan Update

The Annual Governance Statement is a statutory document, which explains the processes and procedures in place to enable the council to carry out its functions effectively. It is produced following a review of the council's governance arrangements and is published with the Statement of Accounts. It includes an action plan to address and/or monitor any significant matters identified which will enhance governance arrangements and the understanding of those arrangements where there is a significant change. It is good practice to review the action plan every 6 months.

Progress against the actions identified in the latest Annual Governance Statement is set out below for noting.

Action	Lead	Status
Establishing improved governance and processes to support the preparation of the 2026/27 budget and MTFS	S151 Officer	New process in place with regular updates to Committee
Monitor the government's plans for remote meetings, proxy voting and standards arrangement and develop policies and procedures as appropriate	AD Governance and Monitoring Officer	Government consultation has concluded. The Government plans to legislate to support permanent provision for remote attendance and proxy voting for local authority meetings when parliamentary time allows. It also intends to work with the sector to develop guidance in these areas. The outcome of the strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England consultation is awaited.