

DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE	19 SEPTEMBER 2019	8
ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT UPDATE			

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY

To provide an update on progress to date of governance issues identified in the Annual Governance Statement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note the report; and
2. Note that a further report will be brought to a future meeting

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Audit and Standards Committee 30 July 2019 – Annual Governance Statement approved.

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Spending your money in the most efficient way to achieve excellent services (Value for Money)	✓
Delivering the services that customers expect of an excellent council (Clean and Green)	✓
Working with all partners (Vibrant Economy)	✓
To make sure Fylde continues to be one of the most desirable places to live (A Great Place to Live)	✓
Promoting Fylde as a great destination to visit (A Great Place to Visit)	✓

REPORT

1. The Annual Governance Statement was brought to committee in July 2019. As part of the Statement, an Action Plan is included which details areas of work for the coming year.
2. At the last meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee, the committee requested that an update on actions be brought to the September meeting.
3. The updates detailed below refer to the actions with completion dates of 30 June 2019.

Core Competencies

4. This work has been delayed until year end 31st March 2020, as it has been decided, following discussions with Management Team, that the core competencies should be reviewed in their entirety and relaunched.

5. The competencies have been in existence for several years and it is considered a more fundamental review of their elements is necessary. The competencies provide the framework for a number of expected behaviours that employees are required to exhibit depending on their seniority within the organisation, for example, leadership.

Risk Management Strategy

6. Gary Marcus, Corporate Performance Officer, has confirmed that the Risk Management Strategy was updated by the due date. However members may wish to note that the Strategy will be brought forward for approval by the committee during the winter months. This will be presented to committee by Dawn Highton, Head of Internal Audit, who will be taking increased responsibility for risk management following the imminent departure of Mr Marcus.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.
Legal	Nothing directly arising
Community Safety	Nothing directly arising
Human Rights and Equalities	Nothing directly arising
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	Nothing directly arising
Health & Safety and Risk Management	Nothing directly arising

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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Annual Governance Statement	30/7/2019	Audit & Standards Committee