

Action Plan Update Report – Review of the Effectiveness of the Governance and Ethics Committee

Committee considering report:	Governance and Ethics Committee on 15 November 2021
Portfolio Member:	Councillor Howard Woollaston
Date Portfolio Member agreed report:	28 October 2021
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Forward Plan Ref:	GE4116

1 Purpose of the Report

At the Governance and Ethics Committee on 19th April 2021 members were presented with revisions to the Action Plan which included timeframes. This report is to advise members of the committee of revised timeframes on recommendation numbers 5 and 6 of that Action Plan.

2 Recommendation

Members to note the revised timeframes in relation to recommendation numbers 5 and 6 of the Action Plan.

3 Implications and Impact Assessment

Implication	Commentary
Financial:	None
Human Resource:	None
Legal:	None
Risk Management:	None
Property:	None

Policy:	None			
	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Commentary
Equalities Impact:				
A Are there any aspects of the proposed decision, including how it is delivered or accessed, that could impact on inequality?		x		
B Will the proposed decision have an impact upon the lives of people with protected characteristics, including employees and service users?		x		
Environmental Impact:		x		
Health Impact:		x		
ICT Impact:		x		
Digital Services Impact:		x		
Council Strategy Priorities:		x		
Core Business:		x		
Data Impact:		x		

Consultation and Engagement:	Members of the Finance and Governance Officer Group
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4 Executive Summary

At the Governance and Ethics Committee on 19th April 2021 members were presented with revisions to the Action Plan in relation to the Review of Effectiveness of the Governance and Ethics Committee which included timeframes. The time frame in relation to numbers 5 and 6 of the Action Plan was Summer 2021. It is proposed that this now changed to June 2022 to align with the output of the Redmond Review.

5 Supporting Information

Background

The Redmond Review (completed for the, then, MHCLG) recommended that external auditors report once a year to the full Council for 2021-2022 as the first year. It is proposed to align the annual report from the Governance & Ethics Committee with this reporting arrangement for our external auditors as they will be able to respond at the full Council to any points raised.

Proposals

The Action Plan will be updated with the revised timescales.

6 Other options considered

Not applicable.

7 Conclusion

Members note the revised timeframe for Action 5 and 6 from Summer 2021 to June 2022 to align with the output of the Redmond Review and that the Action Plan will be duly updated.

8 Appendices

Action Plan.

Subject to Call-In:

Yes: ☒ No: ☐

The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval ☐

Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council ☐

Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position	<input type="checkbox"/>
Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee or associated Task Groups within preceding six months	<input type="checkbox"/>
Item is Urgent Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Report is to note only	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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