

WDC Annual Governance Statement 2022/23: Action Plan for Governance Issues

Review of Progress

AGS Ref.	Governance Issue	Responsibility	Progress to Date:	
			Previously-reported Position	Position as at end of March 2024
6.1.1	The breadth and volume of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's workload.	Senior Leadership Team	With support from officers, the Chairman of the Committee has developed a proposal that he will be sharing with the Committee ahead of the meeting (on 5 December 2023). If the Committee supports this draft proposal, it will be developed into a full report for the Committee to consider at its meeting in January 2024.	The Committee has continued to develop its model and approach with detailed reports considered by the Committee. The Chairman of the Committee is pleased with the progress in all areas but will be seeking further training for the Committee to continue with this development and understanding of the Committees role and responsibilities.
6.1.2	The presentation of Cabinet reports that mitigate effective scrutiny of them.	Senior Leadership Team	As above.	
6.1.3	The range of skills that are required by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to enable effective scrutiny, particularly in respect of financial expertise.	Senior Leadership Team	As above.	

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6.1.4	The lack of clarity over the role and operation of Programme Advisory Boards.	Senior Leadership Team	A proposal for revised working parties is set out within the Service Area Plan report to Cabinet on 6 December 2023 and is due to be discussed in more detail by the Leadership Co-ordination group on 4 December 2023.	Programme Boards are established for strategic priorities 1 and 2 (plus part of 3) with support from appropriate officers. The work of the Groups will continue to be monitored as they develop over the coming months, which will continue through discussions by Group Leaders with feedback from Officers.