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# EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2021

## GOVERNANCE IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN

### FOR NOTING

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Richard Millard, Leader

Key Decision: No

Report Number: *EHDC/006/2021*

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#### 1. Purpose

- 1.1. This paper is submitted to Standards Committee for information, to provide an update on the Governance Improvement Action Plan (GIAP) that was reviewed by the committee on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021.

#### 2. Recommendation

- 2.1. Members are requested to note:

The progress updates detailed in the Governance Improvement Action Plan at Appendix A.

#### 3. Executive Summary

- 3.1. In early 2020 the Council commissioned an independent governance review to be carried out by David Bowles. The findings of the independent governance review were published in December 2020 and were reviewed at the 8th December meeting of Standards Committee. At this meeting the Committee invited the Chief Executive to prepare a detailed action plan to address the recommendations of the review.

- 3.2. As a result, the governance improvement action plan was prepared by officers and reviewed at the Standards Committee meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021. The completion of the (GIAP) is being monitored and overseen by the Corporate Governance Board, which is chaired by the Monitoring Officer.
- 3.3. This report is brought to Standards Committee to provide information on the progress made so far against the action plan.
- 3.4. Further reports will be made to Standards Committee in September 2021 & December 2021 on the progress made against David Bowles' recommendations, as promised at the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 meeting.

#### **4. Additional Budgetary Implications**

- 4.1. None.

#### **5. Background and relationship to Corporate Strategy and/or Business Plans**

- 5.1. Not applicable. This is a progress update only

#### **6. Options considered**

- 6.1. Not applicable. This is a progress update only

#### **7. Resource Implications**

##### **7.1. Financial Implications**

Not applicable. This is a progress update only

##### **7.2. Human Resources Implications**

Not applicable. This is a progress update only

##### **7.3. Information Governance Implications**

Not applicable. This is a progress update only

**Section 151 Officer comments**

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

**7.4. Other resource implications**

Not applicable. This is a progress update only

**7.5 Legal Implications**

Not applicable. This is a progress update only

**8. Risks**

8.1. Not applicable. This is a progress update only

**Monitoring Officer comments**

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Regular reporting on the progress of the Governance Improvement Action Plan is an important process committed to in Jan 2021. This represents an ongoing commitment by the council to best practice in good governance.

**9. Consultation**

9.1. Not applicable. The process on consulting on the contents and progress of the GIAP are set out in detail above. This is a progress update only

**10. Communication**

10.1. Not applicable. This is a progress update only

**11. Appendices**

11.1. Appendix A: GIAP

Agreed and signed off by:

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Section 151 Officer: Matthew Tiller (signed 14 June 2021)

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