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# EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

7<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## GOVERNANCE IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN

### FOR NOTING

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Richard Millard, Leader

Key Decision: No

Report Number: *EHDC/022/2021*

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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

Members are requested to note the updates detailed in the Governance Improvement Action Plan at **Appendix A**.

#### 3. Executive Summary

- 3.1. 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 attached Governance Improvement Action Plan (GIAP) was prepared by officers and reviewed at Standards Committee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021. The completion of the GIAP is being monitored and overseen by the Corporate Governance Board, chaired by the Monitoring Officer.

3.3. This report is brought to Standards Committee so that an update on the progress made so far against the action plan can be provided.

3.4. Further updates will be brought to Committee in September 2021 & December 2021.

**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

**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: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021

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

**Mark Watkins, DMO – 27<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**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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