

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 26 JANUARY 2016

**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR YEAR TO 31
MARCH 2015 – UPDATED ACTION PLAN**

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ABSTRACT

This report presents an update on the Annual Governance Statement action plan for review and comment.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Scrutiny and Audit Committee review and scrutinise the contents of the update report.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COPORATE PLAN

This report supports services in the delivery of all local outcomes contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016.

3. BACKGROUND

The Annual Governance Statement, which was included in the Council's 2014/15 Annual Accounts, included a number of developments to be taken forward during 2015/16 to strengthen the council's corporate governance. (Report 253/15 to this committee refers.) Actions to address these developments are monitored through Covalent.

4. CURRENT POSITION

There are a total of 17 actions in the Annual Governance Statement action plan in Covalent. Eight of these are actions from the Corporate Risk Register. At 22 December 2015,

- 1 action is overdue
- 4 actions have been completed
- 12 actions have not yet reached their completion date. (3 are due for completion by 31 December.)

An updated action plan is attached at Appendix 1.

A further update will be reported to this committee in June 2016 as part of the annual corporate governance review.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications associated with the terms of this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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Appendices

1. Annual Governance Statement Action Plan Update Report