
ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2010/11

The Council's Management Team, (via Internal Audit), in May 2011 carried out a review of the existing governance framework and put in a plan to address weaknesses and ensure continuous improvement of the system is in place.

Significant Governance Issues

The review of the governance framework, undertaken throughout 2010/11 and up to the date of the approval of the annual accounts has identified that the following was necessary in order to maintain a system consistent with the principles of the CIPFA/SOLACE framework *Delivering Good Governance in Local Government*. The matters identified in the Annual Governance Statement produced last year have all been addressed, and the following issues remain significant:

1. The review of the new management structure approved at Full Council on the 22nd March 2010 continues to take place. There will undoubtedly be some significant issues that arise before the full structure is successfully embedded but processes are in place to manage these.
2. The budget for 2011/12 was balanced after addressing difficult decisions. A full, revised Medium Term Financial Strategy is due to be approved by Council in October 2011. This will better equip the Council for future budgetary and restructure issues. The budget for 2011/12 was balanced
3. For 2010/11, the final components of the "Bigger Borough" review have been put in place with a new updated Committee Structure.
4. The staged updating of the Council's Policies continues.
5. During 2011/12 work will continue on standardised shared service framework agreement and embedding governance arrangements for partnerships.



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