## APPENDIX E: ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT ~ ACTION PLAN 2023/24

| No. | Area for Improvement   | Actions   | Responsible Officer   | Target Date              |
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| 1   | Constitution involving approval of<br>charity / not for profit reductions and<br>discounts, as well as all decision<br>thresholds.       | Review of the Council's Constitution via<br>Governance Committee and full Council.                                  | Head of Legal and<br>Democratic Services  | 31/12/2023               |
| 2   | Earlier engagement with procurement<br>across the Council, to improve the<br>process and reduce the number of<br>procurement exemptions. | Further training and Procurement advice.<br>Formal procurement sign-off built into the<br>online exemption process. | Head of Procurement<br>Digital<br>Communications<br>Manager   | 30/09/2023<br>30/06/2023 |
| 3   | New Procurement Regulations.   | Review and revise framework as appropriate and provide training to officers.  | Procurement Manager<br>/ Head of Legal and<br>Democratic Services   | 31/03/2024               |
| 4   | Roll out of tracking and sign-off of<br>Cabinet decision reports through<br>Modern.gov.  | The new Modern.gov process will be embedded so that it operates effectively.  | Head of Legal and<br>Democratic Services  | 30/09/2023               |
| 5   | The Council's management of bullying and harassment.   | Dignity at Work will be embedded into the culture of the organisation.  | Head of HR & OD;<br>Head of Strategic<br>Planning; Head of<br>Leisure & Culture; and<br>the Head of Economic<br>Development | 31/12/2023               |