

APPENDIX 3 – SUMMARY OF MEMBER COMMENTS AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE RESPONSE

Please note that comments/proposed amendments and factual/typographical observations were received from Councillors Horgan and Vellacott together with then Stephen Joyce, lay member on Audit Committee. The Appendix below summarises substantive member comments and the appropriate references to amendments made by the Chief Executive to the Annual Governance Statement.

ISSUE	RESPONSE
Clarification on reporting arrangements to Audit from the Monitoring officer	Agreed (ref. Appendix 1 p3)
Include regularity of reminder to members re declarations of interest	Agreed (ref Appendix 1 p3)
Further clarification on improvements to external facing website	Agreed (ref Appendix 1 p6)
Relevance of the Council commitments for 2021-24 from Equality Action Plan – update required	Agreed and updated (ref Appendix 1 p8)
Acknowledge technical problems related to live streams of meetings	Agreed (ref Appendix 1 p9)
Include reference to LGR Public Survey	Agreed (ref Appendix 1 p11)
Comment – any further strategies completed in 2024?	Agreed (ref Appendix 1 p14)

Include reference to improving ECSS performance	Agreed (ref Appendix 1 p14)
Include reference to the arrangements for the implementation of new waste collection arrangements	Agreed (ref Appendix 1 p14)
Identify mechanisms to ensure robustness of data quality	Agreed (ref Appendix 1 p15)
Include reference to the changes to the proportionality arrangements in December 2024	Agreed (ref Appendix 1 p15)
Include reference to arrangements for co-ordinating business cases in relation to LGR	Agreed (ref Appendix 1 16)
Arrangements for liaison with opposition Group Leaders with Corporate Management Team	Agreed (ref Appendix 1 p17)
Clarification on timetable on drafting the Council's first AI policy	Agreed (ref Appendix 1 p21)
Include further quantitative evidence of improvements to planning arising from the revised Negotiation protocol	Agreed (ref Appendix 1 p22)
Need to provide timetable for a further self-assessment by S151 officer against the CIPFA financial management code	Agreed (ref Appendix 1 p25)
Include reference to the implementation of the Audit Committee Improvement/Action Plan	Agreed (ref Appendix 1 p25)
Include reference to appointment of Lay Member	Agreed (ref Appendix 1 p24 and27)
Further clarification on revised arrangements in July 2023 for observers	Agreed (ref Appendix 1 p30)