

Subject	Progress on Delivering the Annual Governance Statement Action Plan	Status	For Publication
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Report of	Director		
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1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide members with an update on the delivery of the action plan included in the 2020/21 Annual Governance Statement as part of their function to maintain an overview of the processes concerned with the production of the Annual Governance Statement.
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2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are recommended to:
- a. **Note and comment on the progress being made on delivering the action plan that formed part of the 2020/21 Annual Governance Statement.**
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3 Link to Corporate Objectives

- 3.1 This report links to the delivery of the following corporate objectives:
Effective and Transparent Governance

To uphold effective governance showing prudence and propriety at all times.

It is important that the Committee receives assurance that progress is being made on the delivery of key actions highlighted in the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) in order to ensure that weaknesses identified through the process of producing the AGS are addressed.

4 Implications for the Corporate Risk Register

- 4.1 The actions outlined in the AGS address issues that are reflected in the Corporate Risk Register, hence their delivery will increase the level of mitigation of these particular risks that is available.

5 Background and Options

- 5.1 Each year the Authority's Annual Governance Statement includes an action plan which includes a number of activities designed to address issues or weaknesses which the

process of compiling the AGS has highlighted. Good governance requires that progress on delivering these actions should be reported to the Audit Committee as the responsible member body in order for members to discuss progress and inform the process for compiling the next AGS.

- 5.2 Appendix A sets out the actions arising from the last AGS due to be undertaken this year. In all cases progress has been made although as reported to the Authority. Reflecting the fact set out in the recent revision to the Corporate Strategy that the Organisation while accomplishing a significant amount has not managed to complete as much as planned a number of tasks will be carried forward into the next AGS. These include further improving our project management and reporting and embedding some of the work that has been done around members' learning and development.
- 5.3 The 2021/22 AGs will be prepared between now and the Annual Meeting of the Authority in June. The process of identifying and planning actions will need to reflect the learning from the last year in terms of matching timescales for delivery to our overall resources and consideration of competing priorities.

6 Implications

- 6.1 The proposals outlined in this report have the following implications:

Financial	None directly from this report. Relevant budgetary provision has been made for individual actions arising from the AGS where necessary.
Human Resources	None
ICT	None
Legal	None
Procurement	None

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Annual Governance Statement 2020/21	https://www.sypensions.org.uk/portals/0/pdf/SYPA%20Annual%20Governance%20Statement%20202021.pdf