7. 2008/09 Annual Governance Statement Action Plan

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Purpose of the Report

This report has been prepared for the Audit Committee to review the progress made on the 2008-09 Annual Governance Statement (AGS) Action Plan.

Recommendation

To note the progress made.

Background

The Audit Committee agreed the action plan in May 2008 at the same time as approving the Annual Governance Statement. As agreed the action plan will be monitored quarterly to ensure progress is made and improvements in governance are acted upon during the year. This will strengthen the overall governance framework and improve the assurances that can be given for the 2008/09 Annual Governance Statement.

Action Plan

The action plan is attached at page 14 and the current status of each issue is shown. At present there are no major issues to highlight to the committee however progress is behind schedule on the following:

 Policy framework and process and procedures within housing are not clear and up to date.

This will be reviewed by the Corporate Governance Group in September and progress will be reported to the Audit Committee in November.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with these recommendations.

Background Papers: None

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