



Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Audit Committee

Wednesday 28 January 2026

Update on the AGS Action Plan for 2024-25

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Wards Affected:	All Wards
Key Decision:	Not Key Decision
Forward Plan:	Not Applicable
Report considered by:	SMT – 13 January 2026 Audit Committee – 28 January 2026

1.0 Recommendations for noting:

The Committee is asked to:-

- 1.1 Note the contents of the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) Action Plan for 2024/25 included as Appendix A.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to inform on the progress made in identifying actions as part of the Annual Governance Statement process for 2024-25.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Annual Governance Statement process for 2024/25 identified a small number of actions that required implementation to further develop the Council's

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governance arrangements. These actions were due to be implemented during 2025-26. See Appendix A for the updated position.

4.0 Summary of main proposals

4.1 The report is to update the Committee on the progress made in implementing the actions detailed in the AGS Action Plan 2024/25. This report is for information only.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 The Council has an alternative option not to maintain an AGS Action Plan.

6.0 Key Risks

6.1 The risks and opportunities in respect to this report will be appropriately identified and managed.

7.0 Council Priorities

7.1 A community-focused, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.

8.0 Financial Implications

8.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report, however, it is noted on Reference 3 of the Appendix that there is a larger workforce strategy overhaul planned in 2026 and therefore, there may be financial costs / benefits associated to that area.

9.0 Legal and HR Implications

9.1 There are no direct legal or HR implications arising from this report, however, legal advice and support will be given where appropriate.

10.0 Ward Implications

10.1 The Council's governance arrangements encompasses all of the Council's activities across the Borough and therefore it operates within all Council wards detailed in the Parish Charter.

11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

11.1 There are no health, social or economic implications directly arising from this report.

12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications

12.1 Transparency and governance supports equalities and demonstrates the Council's commitment to be open and fair.

13.0 Climate Change, Biodiversity and Environmental Implications

13.1 There are no direct climate change and environmental implications arising from this report.

14.0 Background Papers

None.

15.0 Appendices

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16.0 Report Sign Off

Signed off by	Date sent	Date signed off	Initials
Director	15/01/2026	18/01/2026	ACL
Legal	5/01/2026	19/01/2026	EH
Finance	19/01/2026	19/01/2026	KP