



**Borough of Telford and Wrekin**  
**Audit Committee**  
**Wednesday 28 January 2026**  
**Update on the AGS Action Plan for 2024-25**

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

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## **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

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, innovate 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**

A Updated AGS Action Plan for 2024-25

## **16.0 Report Sign Off**

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