

## Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 – Follow Up

1.1 The table below is an extract of the 2018/19 AGS, amended to present an updated position with regards each of the issues identified.

Issue	Action	Follow Up February 2020
Delivery of MTFS Savings	<p>The Council has developed a savings programme to respond to the reduction in funding and financial pressures in Children’s and Adults Social Care provision and the use of temporary accommodation. For the financial year 2019/20, the Council’s savings target is £13.7 million. This includes the impact of a review of savings proposals developed before 2018/19 which assessed whether the proposals will deliver the planned savings and where the savings where improbable, the savings proposals were written off.</p> <p>Reports setting out the full financial position of the Council for 2019/20 and the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2020/21 to 2023/24 were reported to Cabinet on 12 February and Full Council on 25 February 2019. These reported total budget reductions required for the period 2019/24 of £50m, for which there were plans to deliver £30m. This represents a fundamental challenge to the Council</p> <p>Responsibility - Director of Finance (S151 Officer) and Corporate Board</p> <p>Due Date - 31 March 2020</p>	<p>There is regular reporting of the financial position of the council to both officers and members. The budget for 2020/21 was approved in February. The s151 officer confirmed plans in place to address the current forecasted overspend for 2019/20.</p>
Schools performance; audit assurance outcomes and financial balances.	<p>During the financial year 2018/19, there has been a marked improvement in the assurances assigned by internal audit as part of the schools’ audit programme with four (30% of schools audited; in 2017/18 this was 45%) schools receiving inadequate assurance. This area will continue to be monitored to ensure the positive trend continues.</p>	<p>The Audit and Risk team still see ad hoc evidence of poor financial management in schools, however there is an increasing cross team response to this to take necessary action including supporting the school</p>

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	<p>Responsible: Director of Children's Services</p> <p>Due Date: 31 December 2019</p>	<p>to move forward. These governance mechanisms will continue to strengthen into 20/21. It should be noted that overall the assurances in audits are moving in the right direction with a reduction in the number of schools receiving low levels of assurance.</p>
<p>Safety of two social housing buildings at Broadwater Farm.</p>	<p>Two residential tower blocks on Broadwater Farm (Northolt and Tangmere) did not pass structural survey tests. In June, Cabinet considered various options for the two block and on 11 Sept 2019, began consultation with the residents of the two blocks. On 13 November Cabinet agreed to demolish the two blocks and address the rehousing requirements.</p> <p>Responsible: Director of Housing, Regeneration and Planning</p> <p>Due Date: 31 March 2020</p>	<p>Update reports are provided to the Homes for Haringey Board. It is noted that a report was issued to the CAB sub group in November 2019 outlining progress to decant. In addition a report to the Broadwater Farm Scrutiny will be presented in March 2020. Work is on-going with the leaseholders, who remain, in both blocks to negotiate the purchase of properties.</p>
<p>In October 2018, Ofsted carried out an inspection of Children's Social Care Services and published its final report on 14 December 2018. The inspection team recognised the progress the Council has made – and continues to make – in delivering children's social care. Ofsted also identified areas where improvements could still be made. Following the inspection, the service received</p>	<p>The Ofsted inspection of Children's Social Care Services was completed on 9th November 2018 and the report of the findings of the inspection was published on 14th December 2018. The inspection judged all areas inspected as 'requires improvement to be good' and listed nine areas for improvement. A high-level version of an action plan was created and reported to Cabinet on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019. A more detailed operational plan which is specific, measurable, realistic and has targets for improvement (SMART) and sets out the actions to improve practice in the identified area has been created and is monitored quarterly through the Children's Improvement Board and at regular one-to-one meetings with the cabinet member for Children, Families and Education and the Director of Children's</p>	<p>The update position reports in September 2019 indicates that at all actions raised were complete or on track to be completed by the target deadline, with the exception of two which were amber indicating more work needed to ensure achievement. These two actions related to placement sufficiency for vulnerable adolescents. It is noted that a full update is on the forward plan for cabinet in June 2020. This will pick up the most recent</p>

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<p>a 'requires improvement' rating.</p>	<p>Services. Additionally, Ofsted will also review progress on the action plan at the Annual Engagement meeting with the Director of Children's Services. The Cabinet, Children's Scrutiny and Corporate Parenting Advisory Committee will all receive an annual update on the progress of the action plan.</p> <p>Responsible: Director of Children's Services</p> <p>Due Date: 31 March 2020</p>	<p>Ofsted focussed visit which took place in December 2019.</p>
<p>The Council invited the Local Government Association (LGA) to undertake a Corporate Peer Challenge of the Council in February 2019. The report highlighted numerous examples of good practice and raised recommendations where the Council could make further improvements.</p>	<p>Peer challenge is a proven tool for improvement and is a process commissioned by a Council. A small team of experienced local government officers and councillors spend four days on-site and spoke with more than 120 people including a range of Council staff, Councillors, external partners, stakeholders and young people. The report from LGA highlighted many positive areas of the Council such as improvements in Children's Services and Health, Social Care Integration, and the ambitions of the Council as set out in its Borough Plan. The report also raised recommendations for improvement, these have been welcomed and action taken to implement the recommendations.</p> <p>Responsible: Chief Executive</p> <p>Due Date: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020</p>	<p>The peer review action plan was discussed at Corporate Board on 27<sup>th</sup> February to review progress to implement the recommendations raised.</p>