## Informal Joint Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee



| Title of Report:   | West Suffolk Annual<br>Governance Statement –<br>2013/14 Action Plan Update  |             |  |  |  |
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| Report No:   | PAS/SE/15/007  |             |  |  |  |
| Report to and date:  | Performance and Audit<br>Scrutiny Committee  | 4 June 2015 |  |  |  |
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| Purpose of report:   | To advise the Committee of action taken on the Annual Governance Statement Action Plan 2013/14.  |             |  |  |  |
| Recommendation:  | It is <u>RECOMMENDED</u> that the Committee <u>notes</u><br>the position in respect of progress under the<br>2013/14 Action Plan for the Annual Governance<br>Statement. |             |  |  |  |
| <b>Key Decision:</b><br>(Check the appropriate<br>box and delete all those<br>that <u>do not</u> apply.) | Is this a Key Decision and, if so<br>definition?<br>Yes, it is a Key Decision - □<br>No, it is not a Key Decision - ⊠  |             |  |  |  |

| Consultation:<br>Alternative option(s):   |   | <ul> <li>Appropriate consultation with those<br/>holding actions under the Plan has resulted<br/>in the information in the Plan being<br/>updated.</li> <li>N/A</li> </ul> |   |      |                                |  |
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| Implications:   | <b></b>                                       | 2  |   |      |                                |  |
| Are there any <b>financial</b> implications?  |   |  | Yes 🗆   | No 🖂 |                                |  |
| If yes, please give details   |   |  | ●<br>Yes □  | No 🖂 |                                |  |
| <i>Are there any <b>staffing</b> implications?</i><br><i>If yes, please give details</i>                          |   |  |   |      |                                |  |
| Are there any <b>ICT</b> implications? If   |   |  | •<br>Yes 🗆 No 🖂   |      |                                |  |
| yes, please give details  |   |  |   |      |                                |  |
| Are there any <b>legal and/or policy</b>  |   |  | Yes 🗆 No 🖂  |      |                                |  |
| implications? If yes, please give<br>details  |   |  | •   |      |                                |  |
| Are there any <b>equality</b> implications?   |   |  | Yes 🗆   | No 🖂 |                                |  |
| If yes, please give details   |   | •  | •   |      |                                |  |
| Risk/opportunity assessment:  |   | (potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives)  |   |      |                                |  |
| Risk area   | Inherent level o<br>risk (before<br>controls) | f  | Controls  |      | Residual risk (after controls) |  |
| Actions not concluded   | Medium  |  | Monitor the Action Low<br>Plan and take<br>necessary remedial<br>action |      |                                |  |
| Ward(s) affected:   |   | All  |   |      |                                |  |
| <b>Background papers:</b><br>(all background papers are to be<br>published on the website and a link<br>included) |   | N/A  |   |      |                                |  |
| Documents attached:   |   | <b>Appendix A</b> – Action Plan for the<br>Annual Governance Statement<br>2013/14.   |   |      |                                |  |

## **1.** Key issues and reasons for recommendation

## 1.1 Background Information

- 1.1.1 The Annual Governance Statement for 2013/14 was approved at the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee as follows:
  - St Edmundsbury Borough Council 24 September 2014; and
  - Forest Heath District Council 25 September 2014.
- 1.1.2 Both Committees also approved an Action Plan for strengthening governance arrangements.
- 1.1.3 An update on progress against the agreed actions is attached as **Appendix A.**