

## ERW JOINT COMMITTEE

### 15 JULY 2019

### ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2018-19

#### **Purpose:**

To provide the Joint Committee with the findings from the annual review of Governance arrangements for the ERW Consortium for 2018-19.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:**

To review and approve the Annual Governance Statement 2018-19

#### **REASONS:**

Statutory requirement

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
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**BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide the Joint Committee with the findings from the annual review of Governance arrangements 2018-19 for the ERW Consortium and to agree the Significant Governance Issues and the Priorities for Improvement.

Management action plans have been received, and are in the process of being agreed and finalised.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**YES**



## IMPLICATIONS

| Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities<br><b>NONE</b>   | Legal<br><b>YES</b> | Finance<br><b>YES</b> | Risk Management Issues<br><b>NONE</b> | Staffing Implications<br><b>NONE</b> |
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| <p><b>1. Legal</b></p> <p>The review and update of ERW's Legal Agreement is still included as a Significant Governance Issue. The roles and responsibilities of ERW should be reviewed to ensure an equitable balance of power and responsibility within the region. The publishing of Executive Board minutes has been included as a Priority for Improvement to ensure that there is transparency of meetings as well as providing the Joint Committee with assurance that effective challenge is being undertaken. The delegation arrangements for the Consortium have also been included as a Priority for Improvement as there are no records of any delegated decisions being published.</p> |                     |                       |                                       |                                      |
| <p><b>2. Finance</b></p> <p>The business plan is not fully costed to ensure that priorities are deliverable or that the business plan provides value for money. Virements both between and within grants should be formalised to ensure clarity, transparency and scrutiny of transfers made. Both of these have been included as Priorities for Improvement.</p>  |                     |                       |                                       |                                      |

## CONSULTATIONS

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### Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: **THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW**

| Title of Document | File Ref No. | Locations that the papers are available for public inspection |
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| N/A               | N/A          | N/A   |

