

## Significant Governance Issues

This Statement is intended to provide reasonable assurance. It is stressed that no system of control can provide absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss. In concluding this overview of the Council's governance arrangements, three issues have been identified that need to be addressed to ensure continuous improvement in the Governance Framework. The aim is to address these weaknesses during the 2018/19 financial year, by way of an action plan for improving the governance framework and system of internal control. This will be subject to regular monitoring by the Committee.

Issue No.	Significant Issue Identified	Summary of Action Proposed
1	There is no Annual Strategic Assessment in place to report on the performance and work of the Community Safety Partnership	<p>Complete an Annual Strategic Assessment and report to the appropriate Committee.</p> <p><i>Janet Williams, due by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018</i></p>
2	Insufficient resources to carry out an effective H&S function	<p>Identify the additional resources required to effectively carry out the role and have a full plan in place</p> <p><i>Janet Williams, due by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018</i></p>
3	The adoption of the Local Plan was delayed by the Planning Inspector whose feedback resulted in the need for an additional public consultation. Until the local plan is formally adopted there is a risk that plan led housing delivery will be undermined which could adversely affect the character of settlements and landscapes in Torridge.	<p>From 30 April 2018 planning applications submitted to Torridge District Council and North Devon Council will be considered against relevant policies in the emerging North Devon and Torridge Local Plan.</p> <p><b>ACTION COMPLETE</b></p> <p>Awaiting Planning Inspector to produce a final report for TDC and NDDC based on her findings, setting out any changes needed so that the plan can be adopted. The plan is expected to be adopted late 2018.</p> <p><i>Sean Kearney, due by 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018</i></p>