

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (2011) – EMERGING ISSUES SUMMARY

	Issue	Person Responsible/ Status (RAG code)	Comments/Update	C/Fwd into 2012/13 (✓)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Careful consideration of the resource review underway by Government will require careful consideration and the impact this will have on the Council's finances into the future. 	DG (Amber)	Ongoing monitoring of developments required. SPARSE active on behalf of rural district councils. LTA (Leicestershire Treasurers Group acting as Steering group for the changes required.	✓
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With reference to benefits whilst the control environment has improved from that reported last year there is still scope for improvement and continued focus needs to be given to the internal audit recommendations. In addition a review of the benefits service is underway applying lean principles to improve service quality and efficiency. Consideration needs to be given to the control environment generally in these areas in order to ensure all services covered are robust in terms of the control environment. The impact of the Welfare Bill Universal Credit will need carefully planning and monitoring. 	HR (Amber)		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Substantial progress has been made with the significant programme of high profile projects underway. A continued focus on programme and project management is required in order to hit key deadlines, for examples, those contained within the new build programme. 	CAM (Green)	Parkside completed within budget and successful occupation by Council and Partners. Experienced contractors have been appointed to refurbish the pool and the contract underway.	

APPENDIX B

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IT Services are currently under review with significant change underway due to the new modern infrastructure being put into place as part of the new build. PI's linking to corporate need is required 	DG (Amber)	SOCITM are providing support to the Council in respect of this review.	√
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As part of the move into the New Build and the changes that will be underway there is a need to ensure that the control environment is maintained. This will also involve refreshing inventories etc. The revenue budgets will need to be carefully maintained. 	DG (Green)	Service charge budgets are being reviewed regularly	√
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The HRA is being reformed which would lead to the Council buying out of the current subsidy system. This will result in significant additional debt being taken on and treasury management procedures will need to be put in place to accommodate this increase. 	DG/HR (Amber)	Debt acquired and careful management/bedding required.	√