

Corporate Governance Committee – 8 July 2026

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Lead Cllr: Cllr Liam Dewey-Beckett  
Executive Councillor for Governance and Democratic Services



**Wards**  
All

**Open / Exempt**  
Open

**Key Decision?**  
No

## Internal Audit Actions – Update Report

**Executive Summary:** This report would ordinarily provide a detailed update on progress in implementing management actions arising from finalised internal audit reports. Responsibility for delivering these actions rests with the relevant service managers, with oversight provided by the Corporate Leadership Team, and further detail on the audits themselves is reported separately.

However, due to the short interval between this meeting and the previous meeting, the Chair has agreed that, on this occasion, the item is retained with a verbal update to be provided by officers at the meeting. This update will draw on the 17 June CGC report, which is linked within this paper for reference.

### Recommendations

- 1.1. The Committee is asked to note the position and receive the verbal update from officers on progress in implementing internal audit actions.

### Key Corporate Plan / Strategic Priorities

- 1 Corporate Priority 3 – Doing our core work well.

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## **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 This report sets out the current position with respect to implementation of actions arising from Internal Audit reports.

## **2. BACKGROUND & CONTEXT**

- 2.1 Progress on the completion of audit actions remains under regular review. While the additional pressures arising from Local Government Reorganisation have created some capacity challenges, Officers remain confident in their ability to deliver the required actions within acceptable timeframes. Officers will continue to monitor workloads closely and, where any capacity issues do arise in relation to audit actions, will ensure the Committee is appraised.

- 2.2 The period between June and July meetings of the Corporate Governance Committee is considerably shorter than the usual reporting cycle. Whilst work to implement agreed audit actions has continued, the shortened reporting period means there has been limited movement in the overall position since the previous report. It was therefore agreed with the Chair of the Committee that, on this occasion the report would not include the usual detailed update on internal audit actions. The normal reporting format will resume at the next meeting.

## **2.3 CURRENT POSITION**

- 2.4 Internal Audit has continued to monitor progress against agreed management actions throughout the reporting period. Action owners remain responsible for implementing agreed actions, with Internal Audit maintaining oversight and engaging with officers where appropriate.

- 2.5 Actions arising from newly completed Internal Audit reviews continue to be added to the Council's audit action tracking system. These actions are then monitored alongside existing actions as part of the Council's ongoing audit action monitoring arrangements.

- 2.6 No significant issues requiring escalation to the Committee have been identified during the reporting period.

## **3. IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION**

### **3.1 Implications on Resources**

- 3.1.1 There are no additional resource requirements arising from this paper.

## **4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 Each monthly meeting of CLT that reviews governance matters includes a report on completed audits and actions raised, providing another opportunity for CLT to maintain oversight.

- 4.2 Progress against audit actions continues to be monitored regularly. Whilst Local Government Reorganisation activity has continued to place additional demands on officer capacity in some areas, officers remain committed to progressing agreed

actions within reasonable timeframes. Any significant capacity pressures or delays impacting delivery will continue to be reported to the Committee as appropriate.

#### **4.3 LIST OF APPENDICES INCLUDED**

[Appendix 1 - Link to Previous Internal Audit Actions Update Report](#)