

Subject	Progress on Agreed Management Actions	Status	For Publication
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Report of	Head of Governance & Corporate Services		
Equality Impact Assessment	Not Required	Attached	No
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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To update Members on the actions being taken in response to audit review findings during the current financial year and in previous financial years.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are recommended to:
- a. **Note the progress being made on implementing agreed management actions; and**
 - b. **Consider if any further information or explanation is required from officers.**

3. Link to Corporate Objectives

- 3.1 This report links to the delivery of the following corporate objectives:

Effective and Transparent Governance

To uphold effective governance showing prudence and propriety at all times.

- 3.2 The reporting of audit findings and management actions being taken to address these is a key part of providing assurance on the adequacy of the Authority's corporate governance arrangements, particularly those relating to internal control and financial and risk management.

4. Implications for the Corporate Risk Register

- 4.1 The contents of this report do not link to a specific risk in the corporate risk register; instead, they set out the actions being taken in a number of areas that will contribute to addressing various risks in relation to operations and governance as detailed in the original audit reports.

5. **Background and Options**

- 5.1 The Authority's Local Code of Corporate Governance sets out the framework in which the Authority complies with the seven principles of good governance; one of which is "managing risks and performance through robust internal control and strong public financial management." One aspect of achieving this is having arrangements for assurance and effective accountability in place and ensuring that findings arising from the work of both external audit and internal audit are acted upon.
- 5.2 The Audit & Governance Committee receives reports of the external auditor and of the Head of Internal Audit at regular intervals throughout the financial year. The report attached at Appendix A summarises the actions taken, and progress being made on implementing the actions agreed in response to internal audit findings.

Pensions Review Process – Child Pensions

- 5.3 The table at Appendix A shows two additional agreed management actions that have been added since the last update report presented back in March 2025, both in relation to the child pensions process. One of these has been completed and was actioned at the point of the draft outcome report being issued, the second in relation to SMT reporting is ongoing and has a due date of December 2025.

Budget Management and Monitoring – Remaining Agreed Management Action

- 5.4 This action is not yet due however Appendix A gives an update to the current position of this action. It sets out that there is one remaining element to be completed against this agreed management action which had a target completion date of December 2025.
- 5.5 Following a review of the training and development required for budget holders the target implementation date has been revised to 31 July 2026. This will also allow for further development of the reports and dashboards to support budget holders to actively monitor budgets via the finance system.
- 5.6 The progress of implementing agreed management actions will continue to be reported to the Audit & Governance Committee at regular intervals.

6. **Implications**

- 6.1 The proposals outlined in this report have the following implications

Financial	No additional financial implications; the costs of the internal audit service and the fees for the external audit are met from existing budgets.
Human Resources	None
ICT	None
Legal	None
Procurement	None

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
None	-