

**SUBJECT: INTERNAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOW UP**

**DIRECTORATE: CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND TOWN CLERK**

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To present an update to the Audit Committee on outstanding agreed actions.

## **2. Executive Summary**

- 2.1 The report provides a summary of the outstanding actions and progress made on implementation. There are currently 3 High actions and 20 Medium actions remaining to be implemented. There are no overdue High risk actions or outstanding actions for Limited or Low reports. The attached report provides more details of the splits between those overdue, extended and not due and also the changes made since the last report to the Audit Committee in March including the new actions agreed.
- 2.2 The Internal Audit Annual report highlighted that there were a high number of actions remaining to be implemented. Most (13) of these had only recently been raised within reports issued since April 2023. A new process was put into place for 2022/23 for the monitoring of outstanding recommendations due to the number outstanding for a long period of time. This has reduced from six to three for those over a year old, those (2) over two years relate to IT system/software changes and it has not been possible to progress them quickly for various reasons.

## **3. Background**

- 3.1 The attached Appendix (A) provides details of the relevant audits, outstanding recommendations / agreed actions and current position.

## **4. Organisational Impacts**

### **4.1 Finance (including whole life costs where applicable)**

There are no direct financial implications arising as a result of this report.

### **4.2 Legal Implications including Procurement Rules**

There are no direct legal implications arising as a result of this report.

#### 4.3 Equality, Diversity and Human Rights

The Public Sector Equality Duty means that the Council must consider all individuals when carrying out their day-to-day work, in shaping policy, delivering services and in relation to their own employees.

It requires that public bodies have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination
- Advance equality of opportunity
- Foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities

There are no direct E and D implications arising as a result of this report.

#### 5. Recommendation

5.1 The Audit Committee is asked to review the attached Appendix and responses.

**Is this a key decision?** No

**Do the exempt information categories apply?** No

**Does Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (call-in and urgency) apply?** /No

**How many appendices does the report contain?** One

**List of Background Papers:** None

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