

## **Governance and Audit Committee Action Tracker**

| G&A<br>Reference<br>Number | Meeting<br>Date              | Minute<br>No.    | Agenda<br>Item/Subject  | Action   | Responsible<br>Officer/Area | Status   |
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| GA001                      | 23 July 2024<br>23 July 2024 | 222.6.a<br>223.4 | Internal Audit Annual Report 2023-24  Risk Management Verbal Update | A progress report from management on the implementation of the agreed management actions would be presented at the next meeting.  Committee's tracking of the risk relating to the | Ben Watts  Mark Scrivener   | This report was considered by Members at the 9 October 2024 meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee. This was discussed at the agenda setting  |
|                            |                              |                  |   | Council's financial position would be considered as part of the agenda setting process.  | John Betts                  | meeting for 12 November 2024. It was agreed that further discussions were required to determine what information could be shared and the most appropriate way to share the information to Members. |
| GA003                      | 23 July 2024                 | 225.2.b          | External Audit<br>Progress Report<br>and Sector<br>Update           | Members would receive an update on the Council's progress towards addressing the   | Ben Watts<br>John Betts     | Completed. This<br>report was<br>considered by<br>Members at the 9   |

|       |                   |         |   | recommendations outlined in the previous year's VFM findings.   |                               | October 2024<br>meeting of the<br>Governance and<br>Audit Committee.  |
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| GA004 | 23 July 2024      | 225.2.c | External Audit<br>Progress Report<br>and Sector<br>Update | The Committee's role in relation to the Council's productivity plans would be considered as part of a review of the Committee's Terms of Reference.   | Ben Watts<br>Katy<br>Reynolds | This will be reviewed by December 2024.   |
| GA005 | 23 July 2024      | 222.6.b | Internal Audit<br>Annual Report<br>2023-24                | Following a request for clarification regarding contract management (and the Council's governance in relation to wholly owned companies), it was agreed that a paper providing further information would be considered as part of the agenda setting process. | Ben Watts                     | This has been added to the Governance and Audit Committee agenda for 12 December 2024.                      |
| GA006 | 23 July 2024      | 222.6.c | Internal Audit<br>Annual Report<br>2023-24                | Further clarification regarding the Internal Audit process in relation to advisory and follow-up audits would be provided to the Committee.   | Jonathan Idle                 | Completed: Further information provided to the Governance and Audit Committee via email on 13  August 2024. |
| GA007 | 9 October<br>2024 | 230.7.c | Internal Audit<br>Management                              | It was agreed that a final report be provided before  | Ben Watts<br>Amanda           | This item has been tentatively added to   |

|       |                   |         | Actions Update                                 | the end of the current<br>administrative cycle<br>(before end of March<br>2025)   | Beer                        | the 20 March 2025<br>Governance and<br>Audit Committee<br>agenda.   |
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| GA008 | 9 October<br>2024 | 230.7.b | Internal Audit<br>Management<br>Actions Update | The latest compliance figures will be uploaded to the Teams site before the Governance and Audit Committee meeting on 12 November 2024.                           | Ben Watts<br>Amanda<br>Beer | Completed: Compliance figures uploaded to Teams site on 8 November 2024. An updated position will be added to the Teams site once available and reported to GAC in January. |
| GA009 | 9 October<br>2024 | 230.4   | Internal Audit<br>Management<br>Actions Update | Training on the audit process and how audits are built will be developed for Committee Members as part of the revised induction programme to be launched in 2025. | Jonathan Idle               | The induction programme for 2025 is currently in development.   |
| GA010 | 9 October<br>2024 | 230.7.b | Internal Audit<br>Management<br>Actions Update | A detailed version of Appendix 1 would be circulated to the Committee via the Teams site ahead of the Governance and Audit Committee on 12 November 2024.         | Ben Watts<br>Amanda<br>Beer | Completed: Detailed version of Appendix 1 circulated to the Governance and Audit Committee via email on 8 November 2024   |

| GA011 | 9 October<br>2024      | 234     | Progress Update<br>on the Grant<br>Thornton Value<br>For Money<br>Recommendations | It was agreed that a final report be provided before the end of the current administrative cycle (before end of March 2025)   | Ben Watts<br>John Betts     | This item has been tentatively added to the 20 March 2025 Governance and Audit Committee agenda.   |
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| GA012 | 9 October<br>2024      | 231.2.m | Annual Customer<br>Feedback Report<br>2023/24                                     | The Committee would be provided with further details regarding the legal costs of complaints for 2023/24  | Ben Watts                   | Completed: This was discussed with the Committee during the Legal Update Item on 12 November 2024. |
| GA013 | 9 October<br>2024      | 237.1.b | Audit Backstop<br>and Revised Date  | Ahead of the Committee's consideration of the accounts, training would be provided to the Committee on how to effectively read the accounts.  | John Betts<br>Cath Head     |  |
| GA014 | 12<br>November<br>2024 | 244.2.h | Verbal Update on<br>Corporate Risk<br>Register                                    | The Chair suggested that Members receive a briefing on two of the risk areas highlighted during the item. The Chair would discuss this further with the Head of Risk and Delivery Assurance | Mark<br>Scrivener/<br>Chair | This will be discussed as part of the agenda setting process.                                      |
| GA015 | 12                     | 251.2.e | Internal Audit  | School Loans Information:   | David Adams                 | Completed: This  |

|       | November<br>2024       |         | Progress Report –<br>Exempt Report                   | A comprehensive suite of documents referred to by Internal Audit in the key strengths section, and further information on current loans would be provided to Members outside of the meeting.   |      | information was<br>provided to Members<br>via Teams on 19<br>November 2024. |
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| GA016 | 12<br>November<br>2024 | 251.2.c | Internal Audit<br>Progress Report –<br>Exempt Report | RB18-2024 – Loans to Schools: The Corporate Director for Children, Young People and Education, confirmed that policy had been updated and amended. The areas for development which had been identified were historic cases but will be revisited and an update to the Committee would be provided. | CYPE |   |