

Governance and Audit Committee Action Tracker

G&A Reference Number	Meeting Date	Minute No.	Agenda Item/Subject	Action	Responsible Officer/Area	Status
GA029	3 July 2025	319.3	Treasury Update Report	In answer to a Member's question, Mr Betts confirmed that he would be content to bring to Committee a review of the strategy for Money Market Funds and Investment Funds.	Corporate Director Finance	In progress: this has been added to the Work Programme as a future item and will be considered as part of the agenda setting process.
GA032	24 September 2025	327.5	Verbal Update on Committee Business	It was agreed that arrangements for checking the value of matters covered by earmarked reserves would be included in the Work Programme so the item could feature in future committee meetings	Corporate Director Finance /Ruth Emberly	In progress: this has been added to the Work Programme as a future item and will be considered as part of the agenda setting process.
GA033	24 September	327.6	Verbal Update on Committee	In relation to a question regarding	Ben Watts	This is currently in progress.

	2025		Business	peppercorn rents, contact would be made with the relevant Corporate Director and the Deputy Leader to ensure all relevant questions were covered. It was commented that a list of properties that held a peppercorn rent would be helpful to Members and Mr Watts confirmed that he would reflect with the relevant senior officers to examine how best to present this information to the committee.		
GA035	24 September 2025	330.3	External Auditor's Progress Report	Members unanimously agreed to ask the relevant officers to review and answer the model questions set out in the Grant Thornton report (pages 102 onwards)	Katy Reynolds	In progress: This information was provided in part to the Committee ahead of the meeting on 30 October 2025. The remaining answers will be provided to the Committee when

				and if answers were not available, officers would provide these at the next Committee meeting		available. January 2026: further enquiries have been made regarding the outstanding answers.
GA036	24 September 2025	331.6.i	2024/2025 Kent County Council Auditor's Annual Report	Members unanimously agreed that a midterm review covering the effectiveness of the committee would be helpful. Mr Watts confirmed that one would be added to the Governance Recommendations Improvement Plan (GRIP) and presented to the Committee in January 2026.	Ben Watts/Katy Reynolds	In progress: As part of the agenda setting process, it was agreed that this item be added to the Work Programme for the May 2026 meeting, to ensure that a full and thorough review could take place.
GA039	30 October 2025	339.3	Verbal Update on Committee Business	Mr Watts confirmed that he was committed to ensuring that future agendas would include detailed performance and finance updates in relation to the Kent County Council Wholly Owned	Ben Watts	In progress: the performance of KCC wholly owned companies has been added as an agenda item to the January meeting of the Committee. A follow up report would be taken to the March 2026

				Companies, the shareholder board subcommittee of the Cabinet and the financial information relating to the board of companies, previously requested by a Member at a previous Committee meeting.		meeting to pick up on questions raised in January.
GA040	30 October 2025	340.13.c	2024 / 2025 Draft Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement	A written response would be provided in relation to a Member's question around the acquisition details of WF Education, the WF Education Group Holdings Limited and WF Education Group Limited and the expansion of CSG.	Corporate Director Finance	This action was reviewed and closed, further to advice from Ben Watts. A paper relating to the Commercial Services Group and the Committee's role in relation to the Council's companies will be brought to the March meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee.
GA041	26 November 2025	352.2.m	. Customer Feedback Annual Report	A Member commented that the culture of continuous	Pascale Blackburn-Clarke	In progress: An update on the performance of complaints will be

				improvement and making a difference was yet to be embedded and therefore it would assist the Committee if efforts of continuous improvement could be shared with Members for review and comment. Mr Watts commented that a report containing the requested information could be brought to the Committee for future review and discussion.		brought to the Committee in May/July 2026. This will include a section on continuous improvement.
GA042	26 November 2025	353.2.b	Counter Fraud Report	Mr Watts confirmed that a Cyber Security update was being prepared for the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee for March 2026. A discussion would be held in see if a single core briefing could be provided.	Ben Watts	
GA043	28 January 2026	358.2.a	Verbal Update on Committee	A discussion would take place with the	Ruth Emberly	In progress: As part of a Work Programme

			Business	Chair to explore how the Work Programme could be incorporated into future agendas.		review, relevant report authors are being contacted to ensure that the timescales for regular reports are accurately captured. Once this has been completed, further discussions will take place with the Chair.
GA044	28 January 2026	358.2.b	Verbal Update on Committee Business	An update, inclusive of a timeline for completion, would be provided to the Committee in relation to Action GA041.	Katy Reynolds/Pascale Blackburn-Clarke	As above: An update on the performance of complaints will be brought to the Committee in May/July 2026. This will include a section on continuous improvement.
GA045	28 January 2026	360.2.a	Corporate Risk Register	Mr Scrivener confirmed that he would raise the planned changes, associated financial risks and potential appeals in relation to the discretionary SEND support for over-16 and over-19 learners from September with the relevant risk owner and	Mark Scrivener	Completed: Risks associated with planned changes in relation to this discretionary support have been discussed with the relevant Deputy Director. A new risk item is being raised to capture and

				ensure the matter was considered in future reporting.		assess its associated risks and will be included in future reporting.
GA046	28 January 2026	360.2.h	Corporate Risk Register	It was proposed and seconded that a summary project tracker for the Oracle Cloud Programme, covering time, cost, and quality, be developed and brought to the Committee, and that the detailed format and reporting expectations for this tracker be agreed at the next agenda-setting meeting. The Committee voted accordingly and the motion was passed.		In progress: initial enquiries have been made to the Project Manager to establish how this action may be delivered.
GA047	28 January 2026	360.2.i	Corporate Risk Register	In relation to Climate Change Risk CRR052, Mr Scrivener agreed to	Mark Scrivener	Concern regarding risk rating and adequate coverage of water

				raise this with the responsible risk owner for further consideration.		shortages discussed at GET Cabinet Committee on 10th March. Mr Smyth agreed to consider Mr Hood's points when next reviewing the risk.
GA048	28 January 2026	362.2.a	A Review of the Statutory Accounts for Kent County Council's Wholly Owned Companies	The purchase price of the WF Education Group was commercially sensitive and would be provided outside the meeting.	Andrea Malvern	This action was reviewed and closed, further to advice from Ben Watts. A paper relating to the Commercial Services Group and the Committee's role in relation to the Council's companies will be brought to the March meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee.