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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. It is expected that a summary of the actions will be taken to the **November 2026** Committee meeting. A brief summary of the plan is to be provided to the Committee in July.
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	Corporate Director Finance/Ruth Emberly	This was covered by the Budget papers. However, it is suggested that further detail and discussion on this could be covered by this year's

				Programme so the item could feature in future committee meetings		annual statement of accounts training.
GA033	24 September 2025	327.6	Verbal Update on Committee Business	In relation to a question regarding 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.	Ben Watts	This is currently in progress.
GA035	24 September 2025	330.3	External Auditor's Progress Report	Members unanimously agreed to ask the relevant officers to	Katy Reynolds	In progress: This information was provided in part to the

				review and answer the model questions set out in the Grant Thornton report (pages 102 onwards) and if answers were not available, officers would provide these at the next Committee meeting		Committee ahead of the meeting on 30 October 2025. The remaining answers will be provided to the Committee when available. July 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 **July 2026** meeting, to ensure that a full and thorough review could take place.
GA041	26 November 2025	352.2.m	Customer Feedback Annual Report	A Member commented that the culture of continuous	Pascale Blackburn-Clarke	Completed: An update on the performance of complaints was brought

				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.		to the Committee in May 2026. This included a section on continuous improvement.
GA043	28 January 2026	358.2.a	Verbal Update on Committee Business	A discussion would take place with the Chair to explore how the Work Programme could be incorporated into future agendas.	Ruth Emberly	In progress: As part of a Work Programme 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.

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.	Ruth Emberly/Katy Reynolds	In progress: initial enquiries have been made to establish how this action may be delivered. This includes an Oracle Cloud Programme update to the May 2026 meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee. It was clarified at the March Governance and Audit Committee that this request referred to all major projects. The relevant teams will be contacted.
GA049	25 March 2026	373.2.d.	Schools Audit Annual Report	It was confirmed that the intention was to bring the next report to the September meeting, which would address the timing issue. He explained that Schools Financial Services had the	David Adams	This is been added to the Work Programme for **November 2026**.

				specialist expertise required to audit school budgets and compliance with the financial scheme.		
GA051	25 March 2026	375.4.a	Governance Arrangements for Wholly Owned Companies	Annual reporting on company performance would be incorporated into the Governance and Audit Committee cycle, aligned with the AGS.	Ben Watts	In progress: The “Annual Report on Wholly Owned Companies” and the "Company Governance Review” were added to the May 2026 agenda at the agenda setting meeting. These reports have now been moved to the **September 2026** Committee meeting. On 25 June a remote Company Performance Discussion was held where all Members of G&A were invited to attend and engage.
GA052	19 May 2026	381.2.a	External Audit Progress Report for Kent County	A Member requested that responses to	Katy Reynolds	This is in progress. Relevant officers have been

			Council (Inclusive of Kent Pension Fund)	suggested audit questions included in the report be provided by officers in writing to all Committee Members.		contacted and the responses will be provided to Members via email.
GA053	19 May 2026	381.2.e	External Audit Progress Report for Kent County Council (Inclusive of Kent Pension Fund)	...Local Outcomes Framework and its implications for performance reporting... An officer undertook to provide a written response, including a mapping exercise between existing key performance indicators and new national metrics	Ben Watts	The Member offered to meet with Mr Watts outside of the meeting to give further clarity on the metrics required. This is in progress.