

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

17 DECEMBER 2015

### REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR (CORPORATE SERVICES)

#### A.4 AUDIT COMMITTEE – TABLE OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES

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#### PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

##### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To present to the Committee the progress against outstanding actions identified by the Committee.

##### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- The Table of Outstanding Issues has been reviewed and updated since it was last considered by the Committee at its 24 September 2015 meeting.
- To date there are no significant issues to bring to the attention of the Committee, with updates provided against individual items set out in **Appendix A** or elsewhere on the agenda where appropriate.
- Updates against actions identified within the Annual Governance Statement 2014/15 are set out in **Appendix B** with no significant issues to highlight at the present time.

##### **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**That the Committee reviews and notes the progress against the outstanding issues.**

#### PART 2 – IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

##### **DELIVERING PRIORITIES**

The existence of sound governance, internal control and financial management practices and procedures are essential to the delivery of Corporate priorities supported by effective management and forward planning within this overall framework.

##### **FINANCE, OTHER RESOURCES AND RISK**

###### **Finance and other resources**

There are no significant financial implications associated with monitoring of the agreed actions or responses. If additional resources are required then appropriate steps will be taken including any necessary reporting requirements.

###### **Risk**

The Table of Outstanding Issues is in itself a response to potential risk exposure with further activity highlighted to address matters raised by the Audit Committee.

##### **LEGAL**

There are no direct legal implications associated with this report.

## OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Consideration has been given to the implications of the proposed decision in respect of the following and any significant issues are set out below.

**Crime and Disorder / Equality and Diversity / Health Inequalities / Area or Ward affected / Consultation/Public Engagement.**

This report does not have a direct impact although such issues could feature in future recommendations and actions. Any actions that may have an impact will be considered and appropriate steps taken to address any issues that may arise.

## PART 3 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### TABLE OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES

A Table of Outstanding Issues is maintained and reported to each meeting of the Committee. This approach enables the Committee to effectively monitor progress against issues and items that form part of its governance responsibilities.

An updated Table of Outstanding Issues is set out in **Appendix A**. An update against actions relating to the Annual Governance Statement 2014/15 is set out separately in **Appendix B**.

#### **Update Against Issues Raised**

Any actions identified by the Committee at its last meeting have now been included where appropriate.

Updates against items either appear as separate items elsewhere on the agenda or set out within the Appendices, with work scheduled or remaining in progress against all items.

#### **Other Matters**

During discussions at its meeting on 24 September 2015, the Committee raised a number of questions concerning the transfer of housing benefit fraud investigation work from the Council to the Department of Works and Pensions (DWP). Four officers formally transferred to DWP at the end of October 2015 and there are no outstanding issues with all outstanding work and documentation transferred to the DWP where necessary.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION

None

## APPENDICES

**Appendix A** – Table of Outstanding Issues (December 2015) – General.

**Appendix B** - Table of Outstanding Issues (December 2015) - Annual Governance Statement Actions