

Progress Tracker – Audit and Standards Committee 2023/24

Subject (Date of Meeting)	Recommendation/action	Responsible Officer/Area	Status/Notes
Minutes (6 th December, 2023)	Minute No. 26 – The Deputy Chief Executive was requested to provide an update at a future meeting of the Committee with regard to the proposed organisational restructure.	B Heran	To be included on the Committee Work Plan for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.
Annual Audit Report of the Chief Executive (6 th December, 2023)	Minute No. 29 (2) - That the Committee be provided with written responses to the following: a) Further details in relation to the current number of Foster Carers within Dudley and the numbers needed to deliver the required level of Foster Carers.	C Driscoll	Circulated to Members on 1st March, 2024
Audit and Risk Management Services Interim Performance Report (6 th December, 2023)	Minute No. 35 (2) - That a demonstration of the Spectrum Audit System be presented to a future Committee meeting.	G Harrison	Scheduled for July, 2024 Meeting.

Hybrid Working and Future Plans Presentation (19 th February, 2024)	The Deputy Chief Executive agreed to review specific performance management in areas of concern raised by Councillor M Evans during the meeting and address any issues that may be evident.	B Heran	Noted.
Treasury Management (19 th February, 2024)	Minute No. 52 (6) - That the Director of Finance and Legal Services be requested to include figures relating to External Borrowing, as detailed in the table under paragraph 3.2 of the report in relation to Operational Boundary and outcome for previous years in future reports to the Committee. (7) - That the Director of Finance and Legal Services be requested to provide Councillor S Ali with an analysis of movements on the Capital Financing Requirement.	I Newman I Newman	Agreed. Circulated to Members on 23rd February, 2024
Audit and Standards Committee Progress Tracker and Future Business (19 th February, 2024)	Minute No. 53 (2) That the Head of Technology Systems and Services be requested to search the Council's archived e-mail system for the original e-mails and responses to the two e-mails referred to in the minutes and circulate to the Committee accordingly. (3) That all future correspondence and e-mails and responses sent on behalf of the Committee to be circulated to all Members of the Committee for information.	G Aulakh K Taylor	Investigation completed. Chair to update Committee on 24th April, 2024. Noted.

	(4) That the Senior Democratic Services Officer include any suggestions or proposals made by the Committee in future reports of the Progress Tracker.	K Taylor	Noted.
Annual Audit Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (19 th February, 2024)	<p>Minute No. 54</p> <p>(2) That the Monitoring Officer be requested to provide a formal response to the rationale of audit reports being submitted under private session and whether exempt reports considered under private session could be disclosed following the meeting.</p> <p>(3) That the Committee be provided with written responses to the following:</p> <p>a) Briefing note on work that could be undertaken by the Private Sector Housing Team to bring back empty homes into use.</p> <p>b) Confirmation that a link to the Suppliers' Code of Practice was included within all links to Contract Management Documents.</p> <p>c) Confirmation whether scheduled visits of Houses of Multiple Occupancy properties were being undertaken.</p> <p>d) Confirmation that all defect items identified from the Electrical Inspection Condition Report had been actioned.</p>	<p>M Farooq</p> <p>K Jones</p> <p>T Robbins</p> <p>K Jones</p> <p>H Martin</p>	<p>Circulated to Members on 25th March, 2024</p> <p>Circulated to Members on 21st March, 2024</p> <p>Circulated to Members on 23rd February, 2024</p> <p>Circulated to Members on 21st March, 2024</p> <p>Circulated to Members on 7th March, 2024</p>