

Progress Tracker – Audit Committee 2025/26

Subject (Date of Meeting)	Recommendation/action	Responsible Officer/Area	Status/Notes
Audit and Risk Management Services Interim Performance Report (7 th May 2025)	Minute No. 88 (3) – That the relevant Directors and Portfolio Holders be invited to attend meetings relating to ‘Minimal’ and ‘Limited’ assurance reports, as appropriate.	The Head of Audit Services / Democratic Services	Agreed. Directors and Cabinet Members will be invited as appropriate.
	Minute No. 15(3) – That the relevant notification be forwarded to the Cabinet and Shadow Cabinet Members for those areas where recommendations had actions that had not been implemented.	The Head of Audit Services	
Housing Assurance Board Annual Report (29 th September 2025)	Minute No. 28(3) – That the Chair of the Housing Assurance Board be requested to publish the Minutes of the meetings of the Board for the public to view for the purposes of transparency.	The Chair of the Housing Assurance Board (Karen Harper)	A link is being set up on the Council’s website which will be circulated to Members once it is up and running.
Risk Management Report (29 th September 2025)	Minute No. 29(2) – That a written response be provided to Councillor S Ali on the Portersfield Development project, detailing the reasons for the risk rating and the details of spend on the development project to date.	Interim Finance Director Section 151 Officer	
	Minutes No. 29(3) – That risk R.408 “CMT: Failure to seize the opportunities and exploit the benefits that were		Report to be submitted to the April meeting of the Committee.

	envisaged from the huge regeneration programme investment that impacts on the Council's vision for 2030" be identified as the specific risk for in-depth scrutiny at the April 2026 meeting of this Committee.		
Treasury Management Report (29 th September 2025)	Minute No. 30(2) – That Councillor S Ali be provided with a written response in relation to the rationale behind the decision of the Authority entering into a LOBO loan as detailed at paragraph 20 of the report submitted.	I Grosvenor (Finance Manager)	
Questions under Council Procedure Rule 11.8	Minute No. 31 – Assurances were provided that a report would be available to Members of the Committee as soon as practicably possible regarding the sale of the Wellington Road Leisure Centre		A report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.
Exemptions from the requirement for a competitive procurement process (29 th September 2025)	Minute No. 33(2) – Confirmation be forwarded to Councillor J Cowell as to whether the Contract previously procured by Housing Asset Management and Development had been re-procured by the Council.	T Robbins (The Head of Procurement)	A written response was forwarded to Councillor J Cowell on 9th October 2025.

Future Business – Audit Committee 2025/26

<u>Date of Meeting</u>	<u>Items of Business</u>
16 th February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Treasury Management • Grant Thornton Annual Auditors Report 2023-24 and 2024-25 • Grant Thornton Audit Findings Report 2024-25 • Statement of Accounts 2024-25 • Annual Governance Statement • Audit and Risk Management Services’ Interim Performance Report • Accounting Policies, Critical Accounting Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty • Progress against CIPFA Financial Management Model • Private Meeting with the Internal and External Auditors • Internal Audit Minimal and Limited Assurance Reports NB (If any Internal Audit Minimal or Limited Assurance Reports have been issued in the period). • Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Report
20 th April 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant Thornton Audit Plan 2025-26 including informing the Audit Risk Assessment • Annual Fraud Report • Audit and Risk Management Services’ Annual Audit Plan 2026-27 • Risk Management Report including Risk R.408 • Audit Committee Annual Report 2025-26 • Treasury Management • Audit and Risk Management Services’ Interim Performance Report • Internal Audit Minimal and Limited Assurance Reports NB (if any internal Audit Minimal or Limited Assurance Reports have been issued in the period) • The Effectiveness of the Audit Committee • Cyber Security Verbal Update