#### ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

#### **AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

#### **FINANCIAL SERVICES**

16 MARCH 2021

#### **INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOLLOW UP 2020-21**

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Internal and external audit reports include an action plan with a management response establishing the agreed action, timescale and responsible officer. Internal Audit record these in a database and, on a monthly basis, follow them up to ensure they are being progressed.
- 1.2 This report updates the committee on all open actions as at 30 December 2020 including information on actions where the agreed implementation date has been rescheduled.

#### 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 To endorse the contents of the report.

#### 3.0 DETAIL

3.1 The two tables below provide a numerical summary of open audit actions with a split between actions due by and due after 30 December 2020.

#### Actions Due before 30 December 2020

Service	Complete	Delayed / Rescheduled	Total
Internal Audit			
Adult Care	0	2	2
Commercial Services	0	4	4
Customer Support Services	1	1	2
Development & Economic Growth	0	1	1
Education	1	5	6
Financial Services	6	3	9
Legal & Regulatory Support	7	3	10
Lifelong Learning & Support	0	1	1
Roads & Infrastructure Services	1	4	5
External Audit			
	0	0	0
TOTAL	16	24	40

#### Actions due after 30 December 2020

Service	Complete	On Course	Delayed & Rescheduled	Total
Internal Audit		000.100	1100011000100	
Adult Care	0	0	1	1
Commercial Services	0	2	0	2
Cross Cutting	0	6	0	6
Customer Support Services	0	1	0	1
Development & Economic Growth	0	1	0	1
Education	0	3	0	3
Financial Services	0	3	0	3
Legal & Regulatory Support	0	17	0	17
Lifelong Learning & Support	0	1	0	1
LiveArgyll	0	1	0	1
Roads & Infrastructure Services	1	6	1	8
External Audit				
Financial Services	0	0	1	1
Customer Support Services	0	1	0	1
TOTAL	1	42	3	46

3.2 Appendix 1 provides further detail on actions that have either been delayed and rescheduled or for which Internal Audit have received no response from the service to inform this follow up.

### 4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 COVID19 continues to impact on the progress services are making to complete audit action points.

# 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1	Policy - None
5.2	Financial - None
5.3	Legal - None
5.4	HR - None
5.5	Fairer Scotland Duty - None
5.5.1	Equalities – None
5.5.2	Socio-Economic Duty – None
5.5.3	Islands Duty - None
5.6	Risk –None
5.7	Customer Service – None

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# **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Action Plan Points Delayed & Rescheduled or with No Response

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Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
Roads & Infrastructure Services – Fleet Management	Policies and Procedures Policies and procedures are in place to facilitate compliance with legislation, however the Drivers Handbook has not been reviewed and updated since 2016 and the pool car protocol was last updated in 2014.	Medium	Policies and procedures will be reviewed and updated.	31 Dec 2020 31 May 2021	This is being progressed. An external audit will determine the full criteria of information required to fulfil this action. The action will be completed in the spring.  Delayed & Rescheduled	Procurement/ Technical Officer
Roads & Infrastructure Services – Fleet Management	Policies and Procedures Policies and procedures are in place to facilitate compliance with legislation, however the Drivers Handbook has not been reviewed and updated since 2016 and the pool car protocol was last updated in 2014.	Medium	Policies and procedures will be reviewed and updated.	31 Dec 2020 31 May 2021	This is being progressed. An external audit will determine the full criteria of information required to fulfil this action. The action will be completed in the spring.  Delayed & Rescheduled	Procurement/ Technical Officer
Roads & Infrastructure Services – Fleet	Driving Licence Checks Fleet Services check driving licences of fleet	Low	The key officer will ensure a review takes place relating to the driver licence	31 Dec 2020 30 Jun 2021	Delay due to COVID-19. Due to office closures there is difficulty in checking licences. However, these	Procurement/ Technical Officer

	nts Due by 30 December					
Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
Management	drivers prior to staff commencing work in line with DVSA guidelines. The Council has a policy of performing further checks on fleet driver licenses every six months. A review of records held on Tranman for six ground maintenance staff highlighted that four out of the six had not had their driving licence checks completed within the agreed timeframe.		checks. Measures will then be implemented to ensure that all checks take place.		checks are being conducted at local depots and details shared with the fleet team. There is no end date to licence checks. This action should be removed as this piece of work is continuous with no end date. June 2021 would close down the action. The action would then reopen for future checks.  Delayed & Rescheduled	
Roads & Infrastructure Services – Fleet Management	Management of Pool Cars A high level analysis of the use of pool cars suggests the Council could generate considerable savings through more efficient use of pool cars. Fleet Services should explore this further via a more detailed review which should consider the potential benefits	VFM	The pool car module will be released through Tranman. The pool car module offers a centralised approach to bookings and visibility. The Council's internal communications department will be contacted to highlight the use of the pool cars. Work will be undertaken to	30 Sep 2020 31 Dec 2020 30 Jun 2021	The roll out of this link to the Tranman system is delayed due to the system administrator being unavailable and focusing on the implementation of the amenity plant and small tool module to comply with HSE requirements.  Delayed & Rescheduled	Procurement/ Technical Officer

	ints Due by 30 December			15.		
Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
	of:  a more centralised approach to the administration and booking of pool cars better promotion of the use of pool cars providing greater visibility of bookings and destinations to encourage pool car sharing implementing or developing a pool car booking system identifying ways of transferring the balance of pool car usage from shorter journeys to longer ones		increase usage.			
Financial Services – Following the Public Pound	Guidance on Following the Public Pound (FtPP) Although the Council has an approved process to manage external funding requests it is limited in detail, is not closely aligned to the Code of Guidance on Funding	High	Following the Public Pound guidance will be drafted to provide a consistent approach to managing the award of external funds.	30 Jun 2020 31 Dec 2020 30 Jun 2021	FtPP guidance has been drafted however it can't be completed until the Asset Mgt Board have completed their review of how the Council deals with business cases as the two processes are heavily linked. The SAMB are currently considering progress against this review.	Head of Financial Services

Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
	External Bodies and					
	Following the Public				Delayed & Rescheduled	
	Pound and there is a					
	general lack of					
	awareness amongst					
	officers that it exists.					
	Audit testing identified					
	a number of areas of					
	good practice within					
	the Council and					
	overall compliance					
	with the principles of					
	FtPP however there					
	were examples of					
	inconsistent practice.					
	A more					
	comprehensive					
	guidance document					
	should be established					
	which provides a more					
	standardised and					
	tiered approach					
	providing greater					
	clarity over roles and					
	responsibilities and					
	standardised					
	templates for key					
	stages in the process					
	including funding					
	assessments and post					
	award monitoring and					
	reporting. The audit					

<b>Action Plan Poir</b>	nts Due by 30 December	2020				
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	team researched a number of examples of FtPP guidance which had been created by other councils during the planning phase of the audit and can make these available to inform the creation of an Argyll and Bute equivalent.					
Financial Services – Logical Access	Logon Controls A number of issues were identified where logon controls fell short of good practice. In some circumstances the systems do not have the required functionality. We have only highlighted issues where the system does have the functionality however it has not been turned on.  □ Open Revenues o No control over inactive users	Low	Open Revenues – System supplier will be asked if a solution is possible to address issues identified.	30 Sep 2020 31 Dec 2020 30 Jun 2021	Based on feedback it appears unlikely this functionality will be implemented – we have rescheduled till end of June to see if there is any further update.  Delayed & Rescheduled	Open Revenues Systems Administrators
Financial	Budget Monitoring	Low	Budget over or	31 Dec 2020	Further delayed due to staff	Revenues and

Action Plan Poi	nts Due by 30 December	2020				
Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
Services – Scottish Welfare Fund	Prior to the COVID outbreak a monthly report was sent to FSMT and then on to SMT, detailing the budget allocation and spend to date as a percentage of the profiled monthly spend to date. Based on the budget information a recommendation is also made with regards to the prioritisation level for awarding applications for the following month. This reporting was ceased during COVID and has not recommenced yet.		underspends may be left unmonitored with prioritisation levels incorrectly set.	31 Mar 2021	involvement in the response to COVID. Paper has gone to FSMT on 25 January and will go to SMT as soon as possible thereafter.  Delayed & Rescheduled	Benefits Manager
Commercial Services – Legionella improvement Plan	Appointment of Key Positions The Standard requires the Chief Executive to appoint the Duty Holder in writing and for the Duty Holder to then appoint the FRPs, Deputy Duty Holder and Responsible Persons	High	Appointments to be made after appropriate training.	31 Dec 2020 31 Mar 2021	On track to revised target Draft Appointment Letters being considered by DMT on 18th January 2021 for issue thereafter.  Delayed & Rescheduled	Executive Director with Responsibility for Commercial Services/Head of Commercial Services

ction Plan Points Due by 30 December 2020 ervice / Finding Priority Agreed Action Dates Comment Responsible								
Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer		
Commercial Services – Legionella Improvement Plan	(Legionella) in writing. None of this has occurred although the Standard does establish an anticipation that the Duty Holder will be the Executive Director with responsibility for Commercial Services and that the FRPs will be Heads of Service.  Staff Resources Significant progress requires to be made to fully appraise staff resources and appoint key staff to undertake legionella management tasks within properties.	High	Undertake benchmarking exercise and review staff resource, following which provide guidance to FRP's for them to appoint key staff.	31 Dec 2020 31 Mar 2021	1. Resources template developed and sent to other local authorities. Returns had to be chased up meaning information not available until mid-December 2020. Returns to be analysed to allow appraisal of resource to be finalised.  2. FRPs/Site & Premises Managers available on Premises Inspection Sharepoint. Heads of Service to confirm details on list for their properties as part of their appointment.	Executive Director with Responsibility for Commercia Services/Head of Commercial Services		

<b>Action Plan Poir</b>	Action Plan Points Due by 30 December 2020									
Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer				
Commercial Services – Legionella improvement Plan	Risk Based Approach to Legionella A Contractor specialising in water quality undertakes various water hygiene checks on a monthly, quarterly, six monthly and annual basis at 72 of the 327 Council owned properties which have a water supply. The properties selected for Contractor visits were chosen on a risk based approach based on discussions with representatives within the water group and included consideration of users, location, water outlet types rather than a formalised risk based approach informed by the risk assessments. In addition flushing is currently being undertaken at 13 properties and again this was based on risk based discussions	Medium	Review all properties with water and produce a written record of the nature and frequency of tasks that require contractor visits.	31 Dec 2020 31 Mar 2021	1. A number of tasks are ongoing as follows a. A reconciliation of all sites with water from various sources including Concerto records, billing records etc. b. A matrix of contractor tasks for each property has been produced and is being populated 2. Vacancies within the business support team have hampered progress but it is anticipated that additional resource should be in place in February 2021. 3. Once item 1a is completed the matrix will be finalised allowing the audit action to be completed.  Delayed & Rescheduled	Property Services Manager/Energ y & Building Services Performance Manager/Mech anical Services Technician				

Service /	ints Due by 30 December Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible
Report						Officer
	rather than a					
	formalised risk based					
Commercial	approach	Medium	Complete the	31 Dec 2020	All log books boys book	Dran out /
Services –	Legionella Log Books Legionella log books	Medium	Complete the distribution of	31 Dec 2020 31 Mar 2021	All log books have been produced and with the	Property Services
Legionella	which are required at		logbooks to	31 Wai 2021	exception of 18, log books	Manager/Energ
improvement	all properties requiring		appropriate		have now all been	y & Building
Plan	testing have, at the		properties.		distributed to sites. The 18	Services
	time of original audit		proportion		that have still to be	Performance
	121 have been				distributed are generally on	Manager/Mech
	distributed to Council				islands so distribution has	anical Services
	properties. 262 had				been hampered by travel	Technician
	been distributed by				restrictions. It is preferable	
	August 2020.				to personally deliver	
	Furthermore sample				logbooks so if travel is not	
	testing identified				possible before the end of	
	inconsistencies in the information recorded				February they will be posted. Once the final 18	
	in log books.				logbooks have been	
	iii log books.				distributed the audit action	
					will be completed.	
					wiii be eempreted.	
					Delayed & Rescheduled	
Education -	School Quality	Medium	The Central Team	30 Jun 2020	Due to the March-June	Education
Pupil Equity	Improvement Visits		recognises the	31 Dec 2020	lockdown and subsequent	Manager,
Fund			importance of QI	31 Mar 2021	current lockdown only one	Education
	QIOs are required to		Visits to schools in		visit has been possible to	Officer
	perform quality		the context of		date. The second visit will	
	improvement visits to schools three times		ongoing tracking and		be conducted digitally if schools continue to be in	
	per year with PEF		evaluation of PEF, and acknowledges		lockdown or there is a	
	progress assessed		the consequences of		blended learning approach.	

<b>Action Plan Po</b>	ints Due by 30 December	2020				
Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
	during visits 2 and 3.		such visits not			
	Seven out of nine		occurring. The		Delayed & Rescheduled	
	sampled schools did		Central Team will			
	not receive the		ensure all schools			
	required number of		receive at least two			
	PEF assessments		visits which include			
	during 2018/19.		discussion around			
	QIOs are responsible		PEF planning,			
	for reviewing SIPs with		implementation and			
	the assessment forms		spend in this and			
	having an 'action		future academic			
	section' detailing		sessions. Visits to			
	action required by		be tracked by named			
	schools where their		Manager/Officer via			
	SIP is assessed as		discussion at regular			
	needing improvement.		Education Team			
	A review of the QIO		Meetings.			
	evaluation summary		Education officers			
	sheets for nine		will ensure that any			
	sampled schools		required actions are			
	highlighted that where		included in the			
	the QIO identified no		assessment forms			
	reference to PEF in		action section			
	the SIP the required					
	corrective action had					
	not been documented					
	in the action section of					
	the evaluation sheet.					
Education - St		High	Principles of best	31 Dec 2020	Delayed by high levels of	Education
Josephs	Banking		practice as outlined	30 Jun 2021	absence of key personnel,	Manager
Primary Schoo			in the Circular will be		including the HT, due to	(Acting)
PTA & School	The management of		implemented in the		COVID-19 between August	

Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
Funds	St Joseph's PTA Fund account has not applied many principles of good practice in relation to fund management. In particular there:  • are four authorised signatories for the PTA bank account however only two are current  • was no cashbook available for review  • was no evidence of bank reconciliations being performed  • had been no funds banked for 18 months despite numerous fundraising events taking place  • was no petty cash record maintained to facilitate purchase of small items for fund raising events  • is no		management of PTA funds and banking arrangements.		and December, and the resulting prioritisation of learning provision to children.  Delayed & Rescheduled	

Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
Порогі	PTA transactions by					- Cinicon
	another member of the					
	committee					
	is no record of					
	the value of proceeds					
	raised by the PTA					
	committee members					
	prior to handing cash					
	to the treasurer					
	is no record of					
	fundraising proceeds					
	being transferred to					
	the treasurer					
	are no cash					
	handling procedures					
	issued to committee					
	members.					
	Application of the education					
	management circular					
	relating to school fund					
	management is optional for PTA					
	accounts where the					
	account is not					
	managed by a council officer. However it					
	establishes the key					
	principles that, if					
	applied, would have					
	helped to prevent the					
	misappropriation of					

Action Plan Poir	Action Plan Points Due by 30 December 2020									
Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer				
	PTA funds. If the new treasurer of the St Joseph's PTA fund is not a council officer then the fund committee should consider applying the principles of the Circular.									
Education – St Josephs Primary School PTA & School Funds	Compliance with Education Management Circular 1.10 The management of the St Joseph's general school fund has not complied with the requirements of Education Management Circular 1.10 in a wide range of areas. In particular:	High	Requirements as set out in the Circular will be implemented in the management of the school funds and banking arrangements.	31 Dec 2020 30 Jun 2021	Delayed by high levels of absence of key personnel, including the HT, due to COVID-19 between August and December, and the resulting prioritisation of learning provision to children.  Delayed & Rescheduled	Education Manager (Acting)				

Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
	limits have not been					
	formally set					
	receipts are					
	not provided for all					
	payments and					
	donations					
	<ul> <li>petty cash float</li> </ul>					
	values have not been					
	agreed but are topped					
	up in multiples of £50					
	when required					
	there is no					
	documented evidence					
	of independent auditor					
	being elected or					
	instruction issued to					
	sign both accounts					
	and cash books upon					
	completion of review					
	<ul> <li>school fund</li> </ul>					
	documentation is not					
	retained in accordance					
	with section eight of					
	the Circular outlining					
	the requirement for					
	retention of records.					
	St Joseph's Primary					
	School should					
	implement the					
	required controls and					
	processes contained					
	within the Circular.					

<b>Action Plan Poir</b>	Action Plan Points Due by 30 December 2020									
Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer				
Education – St Josephs Primary School PTA & School Funds	PTA Constitution and Committee The PTA constitution should be updated to include a description of what is considered to be PTA funds and formally presented to the committee and approval recorded on minutes. PTA committee meetings appear to be of an informal nature with no secretary appointed to record formal minutes of discussions. Furthermore there are no formal Treasurer's reports as these are often provided verbally.	Medium	The St. Joseph's Primary School PTA constitution will be updated, governance arrangements formalised and office bearers appointed.	31 Dec 2020 30 Jun 2021	Delayed by high levels of absence of key personnel, including the HT, due to COVID-19 between August and December, and the resulting prioritisation of learning provision to children.  Delayed & Rescheduled	Education Manager (Acting)				
Education – St Josephs Primary School PTA & School Funds	PTA Accounts 2018/19 PTA financial statements have not been prepared and provided to the appointed independent auditor.	Medium	2018/19 accounts will be prepared and provided to the independent auditor for review.	31 Dec 2020 30 Jun 2021	Delayed by high levels of absence of key personnel, including the HT, due to COVID-19 between August and December, and the resulting prioritisation of learning provision to children.  Delayed & Rescheduled	Education Manager (Acting)				

	Action Plan Points Due by 30 December 2020								
Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer			
Legal & Regulatory Support – Information Asset Registers	Information Asset Registers The two Social Work IARs were not available for review or located on the designated sharepoint site. Of the remaining ten, four require to be updated to reflect the latest GDPR requirements. Clarity over whether the Live Argyll IAR comes under the remit of the Governance, Risk & Safety Manager's responsibility is required.	High	Clarify where responsibility for Live Argyll IAR lies and have it completed and approved by appropriate management team	31 Dec 2020 30 Jun 2021	Issue has been discussed within Live Argyll management team, and agreement reached to complete and approve the IAR by June 2021. Action required additional time due to Live Argyll staff being furloughed.  Delayed & Rescheduled	Governance, risk & Safety Manager			
Legal & Regulatory Support – Information Asset Registers	Information Asset Registers The two Social Work IARs were not available for review or located on the designated sharepoint site. Of the remaining ten, four require to be updated to reflect the latest GDPR	High	Social Work IARs to be completed and approved by appropriate management teams	31 Dec 2020 30 Jun 2021	Social Work IARs have been partially completed, work continues to progress these and identify the appropriate approval mechanism.  Delayed & Rescheduled	Governance, risk & Safety Manager			

Action Plan Poi	Action Plan Points Due by 30 December 2020								
Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer			
	requirements. Clarity over whether the Live Argyll IAR comes under the remit of the Governance, Risk & Safety Manager's responsibility is required.								
Legal & Regulatory Support – trading Standards	Standard Operating Procedures There are very limited documented procedures for the majority of the areas of work within Trading Standards. Provision of step-by-step instructions would act as guidelines for employees to undertake work processes in a consistent manner in line with legal and regulatory requirements and best practice. Trading Standards should perform an exercise to identify all processes which	Medium	Standard operating procedures will be prepared and reviewed by management in accordance with the Trading Standards Improvement Plan.	31 Dec 2018 28 Feb 2019 31 Mar 2019 31 May 2019 31 Jul 2019 31 Oct 2019 31 Mar 2020 31 July 2020 31 Dec 2020 31 Mar 2021	Agreement reached with Trading Standards for a programme for approval and review to be in place by 31 March 2021, and development included within the 2021-22 workplan.  Delayed & Rescheduled	Trading Standards Manager			

Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
	would benefit from having documented procedures and then create a programme of work for them to be drafted and approved.					
Lifelong Learning & Support – Systems Interfaces & Reconciliations	General Ledger Reconciliations There is no reconciliation performed between the source system and the general ledger for ResourceLink, PECOS, Concerto and Tranman and the SEEMiS interface for clothing grants.	Medium	Data in the source system may not be accurately reflected in the general ledger.	31 Dec 2020 31 Mar 2021	System established not working, looking at modifying this to streamline system.  Delayed & Rescheduled	Seemis - School Services Support Manager
Customer Support Services – Logical Access	Password Controls A number of issues were identified where password controls fell short of good practice. In some circumstances the systems do not have the required functionality. We have only highlighted issues where the system does have the functionality however it	Low	Payroll – Password complexity will be introduced by end of December 2020.	31 Dec 2020 31 Mar 2021	Due to Resourcelink upgrade issues which has involved continuous resource this has not progressed as planned. Further year end upgrade due Feb/March.  Delayed & Rescheduled	ResourceLink Systems Administrator

Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
Development & Economic	has not been turned on.  Payroll o Password complexity not enforced  Clarification from Scottish Government	Low	A meeting was held with the Scottish	31 Dec 2020 31 Dec 2021	The Cabinet Secretary, Fergus Ewing has advised	Economic Growth
Growth - Leader	Clarification is required from the Scottish Government regarding the implications for the Council if projects are not being completed by 31 March 2021 especially regarding:  the definition of when a project is deemed to be completed e.g. a completion certificate issued by building control for projects not completed by the deadline (therefore not qualifying for LEADER funding) will the Council be reimbursed by the Scottish Government for		Government on 15 September. The new Head of the LEADER Team is to provide the Council with a written response to these issues for audit purposes. The relevant Executive Director and Head of Service have been briefed on this issue.		that the LEADER programme will be extended to the end of December 2021 to allow projects to complete given delays caused by the pandemic. Discussions are still being had with the Scottish Government to provide clarity on the issues noted about project completion.  Delayed & Rescheduled	Manager

Service /	ints Due by 30 December Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible
Report	- manig	linonky	Agreed Action	Duico	Commone	Officer
	monies already					
	disbursed.					
Adult Care -	Care Contracts	Medium	Contract	31 Dec 2020	Negotiations are continuing	Locality
Social Care	Sample testing of		Negotiations with two	31 Mar 2021	<ul> <li>information from providers</li> </ul>	Manager –
Contract	eight contracts		providers nearing		remain incomplete. Further	HSCP
Management	highlighted two		conclusion – awaiting		meeting scheduled 4th	
	situations where there		confirmation of		February.	
	is no agreed and		estimated capacity			
	signed contract		from providers to		Delayed & Rescheduled	
	between the Council		allow terms to be			
	and the provider. In		finalised.			
	both cases these are					
	continuations of					
	previous contracts and					
	they are currently					
	operating on					
	previously agreed					
	contractual terms.					
	HSCP officers are					
	continuing to negotiate					
	revised terms and, in					
	one case, these					
	negotiations have					
	been ongoing for in					
	excess of a year.					
Adult Care –	Call Up Letters	Low	Updated call up	31 Dec 2020	Meeting on 4th February to	Locality
Social Care	Sample testing		letters will be issued	31 Mar 2021	clarify estimated capacity	Manager –
Contract	highlighted situations		when providers		with providers.	HSCP
Management	where services are		confirm estimated			
	being provided without		capacity for year.		Delayed & Rescheduled	
	a call up letter being in					
	place. This is contrary					

Action Plan Points Due by 30 December 2020									
Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer			
	to Council policy.								

Financial	The current medium	N/A	The Council will give	31 Mar 2020	The strategy has been	Head of
Services -	to long term financial		consideration to	30 June 2020	drafted but we are we are	Financial
External Audit	strategy does not		enhancing its long	31 Dec 2020	waiting to get the 2021/22	Services
- Financial	contain detailed		term strategy when it	31 Mar 2021	budget settlement so we can	
Strategy	financial plans beyond 3 years.		is reviewed during 2019-20.	30 Jun 2021	update it with the most up- to-date figures prior to P&R	
	There is risk that the		2010 201		approval. This was agreed	
	impact of changes in				by SMT. Revised Strategy	
	funding or expenditure				will now go to May P&R.	
	scenarios beyond				,	
	three years are not				Delayed & Rescheduled	
	fully taken into					
	account across all					
	aspects of the					
	Council's activities.					
	The council should					
	enhance its long term					
	strategy when next it					
	is reviewed. In					
	particular it should					
	consider providing					
	detailed financial					
	plans for up to five					
	years, providing					
	details of changes in					
	assets, liabilities and					
	reserves over time					
	and including an					

<b>Action Plan Poin</b>	ts Due After 30 Decemi	ber 2020				
	analysis of levels of					
	service demand.					
Roads &	User Management	Low	Tranman – on 25	30 Sep 2020	We have been advised that	Tranman
Infrastructure	Controls		august a call was	31 Jan 2021	this has been put back until	Systems
Services -	A number of issues		logged with Civica	31 Mar 2021	February.	Administrators
Logical Access	were identified where		regarding audit trail.			
	user management		Resolution and		Delayed & Rescheduled	
	controls fell short of		timescale will			
	good practice. In		depend on response			
	some circumstances		to logged call.			
	the systems do not					
	have the required					
	functionality. We have					
	only highlighted					
	issues where the					
	system does have the					
	functionality however					
	it has not been turned					
	on. □ Tranman					
	o Leaver and change					
	notifications are not					
	always received in a					
	timely manner					
	o No review of user					
	access rights and					
	permission levels					
	o No audit trail is					
	available					
Adult Care –	Password Controls	Low	CareFirst – On 21	30 Sep 2020	CareFirst Programme Board	CareFirst
Logical Access	A number of issues		August a call was	31 Jan 2021	is performing the	Systems
9	were identified where		logged with OLM	28 Feb 2021	governance on this topic. It	Administrators
	password controls fell		asking if the relevant		met on 16th Dec and agreed	
	short of good practice.				that a complex password	

Action Plan Points Due After 30 December 2020							
In some circumstances the systems do not have the required functionality. We have only highlighted issues where the system does have the functionality however it has not been turned on.  □ Carefirst o Old passwords can be reused o Password complexity not enforced	configurations can be amended. Resolution and timescale will depend on response to logged call.	format, minimum of 14 characters, will be adopted with no replacement, consistent with A&B Council policy.  Delayed & Rescheduled					