ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL SERVICES

15 SEPTEMBER 2022

INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOLLOW UP 2022-23

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 June 2022 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 June 2022.

Table 1 – Actions due by 30 June 2022

DMT/Service	Complete	Delayed/ Rescheduled	No Response	Evidence Required	Total
Internal Audit					
CE – Financial	4	4	0	0	8
Services					
DH – Commercial	1	1	0	0	2
Services					
DH – Legal &	1	3	0	0	4
Regulatory					
DH – Lifelong	0	1	3	0	4
Learning &					
Support					
KF – Customer	2	3	0	0	5
Support Services					
KF – Development	1	0	0	0	1
& Economic					
Growth					

KF – Roads &	3	7	0	2	12
Infrastructure	-			_	
Services					
H&SCP (IJB) –	2	0	0	0	2
Finance &					
Transformation					
H&SCP (JB) –	2	0	0	0	2
Strategic Planning					
& Performance					
H&SCP (SW) –	0	1	0	0	1
Adult Services					
(Mental Health					
Learning Disability, Addictions &					
Lifelong Conditions)					
H&SCP (JB) –	0	1	0	0	1
Adult Services	U	I	0	U	•
(Older Adults &					
Community					
Hospitals)					
LiveArgyll	1	0	0	0	1
External Audit					
TOTAL	17	21	3	2	43

Table 2 – Actions due after 30 June 2022

DMT/Service	Complete	Delayed/ Rescheduled	No Response	On Course	Evidence Required	Total
Internal Audit	1					
CE – Financial	0	2	0	3	0	5
Services						
DH –	0	0	0	5	0	5
Commercial						
Services						
DH – Learning	0	0	0	3	0	3
& Teaching						
DH – Legal &	0	0	0	2	0	2
Regulatory						
DH – Lifelong	0	0	0	2	0	2
Learning &						
Support						
KF – Customer	0	0	0	4	0	4
Support						
Services						
KF –	2	0	0	1	0	3
Development						
& Economic						

Growth						
KF – Roads &	0	1	0	3	0	4
Infrastructure	°,	•	Ũ	Ũ	U	-
Services						
H&SCP (JB) -	0	0	0	3	0	3
Adult Services	C	·	C C	C C	C C	_
(Older Adults						
& Community						
Hospitals)						
H&SCP (JB) -	2	0	0	1	0	3
Finance/Transf	_	-	-		-	
ormation						
H&SCP (JB) -	0	1	0	0	0	1
Strategic						
Planning and						
Performance						
H&SCP (SW)	0	0	0	1	0	1
– Adult						
Services						
(Mental Health						
Learning						
Disability,						
Addictions &						
Lifelong						
Conditions)						
H&SCP (SW)	1	0	0	0	0	1
– Children &						
Families and						
Criminal						
Justice						
H&SCP (SW)	0	0	0	1	0	1
– Strategic						
Planning &						
Performance						
External Audit						
TOTAL	5	4	0	29	0	38
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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	Climate Change – None
5.7	Risk –None
5.8	Customer Service – None

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APPENDICES

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

No Response						
Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
LIFELONG LEARNING & SUPPORT - PUPIL WORK PLACEMENTS	Training There is no training programme to support officers involved in the work placement programme including ensuring appropriate steps are taken to determine whether a PVG check is required.	Medium	Conduct a training needs analysis with school staff leading on work placements. Produce a programme of centrally run CPD opportunities for next academic year (or include in Education Service Training Programme).	30 September 21 31 December 21 30 June 22	No Response	Head of Education - Support & Lifelong Learning
LIFELONG LEARNING & SUPPORT - PUPIL WORK PLACEMENTS	Self-evaluation Education Scotland provides a benchmarking exercise which schools can undertake as part of a self- evaluation exercise. This provides a check list on how things	Low	CPD session to be held on benchmarking tool for school staff. Introduce an annual benchmarking exercise for all secondary schools.	31 December 21 30 June 22	No Response	Head of Education - Support & Lifelong Learning

Appendix 1 - Action Plan Points with No Response & Delayed and Rescheduled

No Response Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible
						Officer
	are being undertaken against the requirements of the Standard. Schools have not completed this exercise.					
LIFELONG LEARNING & SUPPORT - PUPIL WORK PLACEMENTS	Reporting There are no periodic management reports on pupil work placements. These would form an important understanding of the success and challenges of work placements and facilitate discussions about how to overcome some of the barriers which are resulting in a decreasing pool of employers signing up to the scheme.	VFM	Identify and agree meaningful KPIs for new service plan, monitoring and reporting. Implement new KPI data collection in schools. Establish robust reporting framework including EMT and CSC.	30 June 22	No Response	Head of Education - Support & Lifelong Learning

Action Plan Points Due by 30 June 2022 – Delayed & Rescheduled/Evidence Required								
Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer		
FINANCIAL SERVICES - FIXED ASSET REGISTER (AIRS)	Reconciliation of AIRS to General Ledger General Ledger reports are provided at year end to facilitate reconciliation of assets to AIRS. There is no evidence of the reconciliation exercise being reviewed for accuracy by a senior member of staff.	LOW	Reconciliation to be signed off by Finance Manager annually.	30 June 22 31 August 22	A match between the AIRS and Concerto Systems was undertaken at year end 21/22 which surfaced a number of differences between the two systems. Work has been done to address the differences but a second system match is required to ensure that there are no remaining errors between the two systems. This will be done during late July 2022 with any differences followed up and resolved by the end of August 2022. Delayed and Rescheduled	Finance Manager		
FINANCIAL SERVICES -	Inappropriate authorisation of transactions The	MEDIUM	The wording of the current monthly email to cardholders	30 June 22 31 October 22	Delayed and Rescheduled	Creditors Supervisor/Creditors Support Officer		

Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
PURCHASING	Support Officer in		and approvers will			
CARDS	the creditors' team		be updated to			
	approves a		remind them of their			
	considerable		responsibilities.			
	number of pre-		Once available, a			
	authorised		one page			
	transactions for		procurement guide			
	catering staff and		will be issued to all			
	procurement staff.		purchase card			
	Furthermore		holders and			
	creditors will also		approvers.			
	approve any					
	outstanding					
	transactions for					
	other departments					
	to ensure that the					
	bank direct debit is					
	completed within					
	agreed timeframes.					
FINANCIAL	General Ledger	MEDIUM	Data in the source	31 March 21	Further work to be	Resourcelink -
SERVICES	Reconciliations		system may not be	31 December 21	completed to	Pensions & Payroll
SYSTEMS -	There is no		accurately reflected	30 June 22	produce a report	Officer
INTERFACES &	reconciliation		in the general	30 September 22	from Resource Link	
RECONCILIATIONS			ledger.		and the new Oracle	
	the source system				Fusion system so	
	and the general				that the two systems	
	ledger for				can be reconciled.	
	ResourceLink,					
	PECOS, Concerto				Delayed and	
	and Tranman and				Rescheduled	
	the SEEMiS					
	interface for					

Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
	clothing grants.					
COMMERCIAL SERVICES 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	MEDIUM	Data in the source system may not be accurately reflected in the general ledger.	31 March 21 30 September 21 31 December 21 30 June 22 31 December 22	Dialogue continues with Strategic Finance following the update to Oracle Fusion, the limited availability of Licenses and what reports can be generated. Delayed and Rescheduled	Concerto - Property Design Manager
LIFELONG LEARNING & SUPPORT - ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS	clothing grants. Format of Child Plans The Council do not use a standard format for child plans however this will be addressed when all plans are recorded on SEEMiS. However sample testing highlighted that plans do not always include a next review date.	LOW	As child plans are reviewed over the coming school session 2019-20 they will be converted onto the Well-being App format, this format contains a "Date of Next review "field. Schools will be supported to change all plans to the new format within the Well-being App by Area Principal Teachers. During	30 September 20 31 December 20 30 June 21 30 June 22 30 September 22	Using the drill down facility on the Well- being app to monitor the number of plans is only showing the number of plans that are complete. Since schools keep plans open while they are working on them this is not a true reflection of all the plans that are on the system. The education data team and the ESOs have a date planned to	Education Officer

Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
			the year there will be		amend the training	
			checks to see how		materials to ensure it	
			many plans have		clear to staff in	
			been converted and		schools how to mark	
			to check if the date		the plans as	
			of review field has		complete. Further	
			been completed.		training sessions will	
					be scheduled in the	
					new academic	
					session. In the MAKI	
					area 61% of schools	
					are showing as	
					having plans on the	
					WBA. In the H+L	
					area 62% of schools	
					have plans on the	
					WBA. In B+C 81%	
					of schools have	
					plans on the WBA.	
					In the OLI area 65%	
					of the schools have	
					plans on the WBA.	
					Further training and	
					individual support	
					will be offered to	
					Head Teachers by	
					the I+E ESOs in the	
					coming school	
					session to help them	
					to transfer more	
					plans onto the WBA.	

			& Rescheduled/Evider	-		
Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
					Delayed and Rescheduled	
CUSTOMER SUPPORT SERVICES - ICT Remote Working	Wellbeing information The Wellbeing Strategy and some links to further guidance and information are not provided on MyCouncilWorks and one link does not work.	HIGH	Wellbeing Strategy will be added to the MyCouncilWorks page and the addiction link repaired.	31 May 22 31 August 22	Vacancies within the team have delayed implementation of this action. This will be completed in August. Delayed and Rescheduled	HR Service Centre Team Leader
CUSTOMER SUPPORT SERVICES ORGANISATIONAL CULTURE & 2019 - EMPLOYEE SURVEY ACTION PLAN	Involvement in change	N/A	Use new approach of online exit questionnaires to help identify root causes for departures and assess the potential additional benefit of exit interviews.	31 March 20 31 December 20 31 March 21 30 September 21 31 March 22 1 June 22	Final testing is underway for the new approach and process maps are being redrawn to include a link to the new online exit questionnaire. Target date for implementation is August 2022. Delayed and Rescheduled	Head of Customer Support Services
ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES CONTRACT MANAGEMENT -	Contract Monitoring Monitoring of contracts has not been undertaken	HIGH	Contract manager to be identified for each contract, key dates to be agreed including pre-start	30 June 22 30 September 22	N+S have set up the contracts and Ops are now managing same.	Operations Manager and Network and Standards Manager

Action Plan Points D	ue by 30 June 2022 ·	- Delayed &	& Rescheduled/Evider	nce Required		
Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
ROADS AND	as required by the		and review meeting,		Delayed and	
AMENITY	'Contract and		KPIs to be		Rescheduled	
SERVICES	Supplier		developed which			
	Management		include formal			
	Toolkiť,		annual review and			
	specifically: : • no		risk assessment.			
	contract managers					
	have been					
	identified · contract					
	and Supplier					
	management plans					
	have not been					
	completed · formal					
	supplier review					
	meetings have not					
	been undertaken ·					
	key performance					
	indicators have not					
	been identified ·					
	contracts have not					
	been subject to					
	formal annual					
	review and risk					
	assessments					
ROADS &	Roles and	HIGH	Contract manager to	30 June 22	Delayed and	Operations Manager
INFRASTRUCTURE	Responsibilities		be identified for each	30 September 22	Rescheduled	and Network and
SERVICES			contract which will			Standards Manager
CONTRACT	No clearly defined		work to the contract			
MANAGEMENT -	roles and		monitoring			
ROADS AND	responsibilities		requirements			
AMENITY	have been		detailed in action			
SERVICES	identified for		plan number 1.			

			& Rescheduled/Evider	-		
Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE	contract monitoring between the Network and Standards services and Operational Services within Development and Infrastructure. Performance Reporting	MEDIUM	As detailed in action 1 and 2 above, the	30 June 22 30 September 22	Delayed and Rescheduled	Operations Manager and Network and
SERVICES CONTRACT MANAGEMENT - ROADS AND AMENITY SERVICES	No formal performance monitoring and reporting arrangements are in place for any of the 20 contracts currently in operation.		designated contract manager will be responsible for all performance monitoring and reporting for specific contracts.			Standards Manager
ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - STREET CLEANING	Partnership Agreement Oban Business Improvement District (BID) has agreed to fund an additional seasonal street sweeper employed by the Council. The street sweeper has been	HIGH	Formalise arrangements with Oban BID for the funding of the seasonal street sweeper	30 April 22 30 September 22	Delayed and Rescheduled	Operations Manager, Roads & Infrastructure Services

ADULT SERVICES (MENTAL HEALTH LEARNING DISABILITY, ADDICTIONS & LIFELONG CONDITIONS/CSW O) H&SCP - IMPACT OF NEW LEGISLATION ADDICTIONS CONDITIONS/CSW O) H&SCP - IMPACT OF NEW LEGISLATION ADDICTIONS CONDITIONS/CSW O Planning & Developmer Group, whic turns reports NMAHP Professiona Leadership Committee a Programme	Priority	ort Findi	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
Risk	through il's nt iowever t is in income has not ived. HIGH tation orting IP tation orting IP tation ole to the /orkforce k ent iich in rts to hal o e and the	 appoint the C recruid procession of four agrees places from been CES NMAH Imple Group account account account four agrees places from been CES NMAH Plann Deven Group turns NMAH Profe Leader Commit profe 	Agreed Action Agreed Action Recommendation The NMAHP Implementation Group should provide a work plan and update reports to the NMAHP Workforce Planning & Development Group in accordance with its Terms of Reference. Required actions arising from the reports should be clearly recorded on the NMAHP Implementation Group's action plan.	31 May 21 30 June 22	Comment There are staffing pressures throughout the NHS so no point in implementing safe staffing legislation when there are not enough qualified staff in the economy to comply with it. Delayed and Rescheduled	
There is a ris compliance			The NMAHP			

Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
	the Staffing Act is		Implementation			
	not being		Group has been			
	monitored and		disbanded. All			
	reported on with		actions will be			
	sufficient		picked up by the			
	frequency, and		NMAHP Oversight			
	appropriate actions		Group. This group			
	are not being taken		will report on actions			
	where necessary.		to the IJB to provide			
			the requisite			
	The NMAHP		assurance.			
	Implementation					
	Group's Terms of					
	Reference states					
	that the group will					
	provide an annual					
	work plan and bi-					
	monthly update					
	reports to the					
	NMAHP Workforce					
	planning &					
	development group					
	in respect of:					
	Adherence to the					
	Common Staffing					
	Methodology					
	Completion of					
	establishment					
	reviews (following					
	SOP for					

Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
	establishment					
	reviews) for all					
	clinical areas with					
	access to validated					
	tools by February					
	2020					
	Develop schedule					
	for annual tool run					
	to be implemented					
	from 2020					
	Development of a					
	Risk Register					
	Destauration					
	Development of					
	an Issues Log					
	Monitoring					
	monthly any					
	change to current					
	establishments					
	However, whilst					
	some oral updates					
	have been					
	provided at					
	meetings of the					
	NMAHP Workforce					
	Planning &					
	Development Group, the reports					

Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible
						Officer
	have not been					
	provided to the					
	group.					
FINANCIAL	Procurement	MEDIUM	A review of the	30 June 22	Partially completed.	Category
SERVICES -	procedures Forty		guidance for spend	30 September 22	Discussions have	Management
PURCHASING	five purchase		within the lowest		been completed with	Officer/Procurement
CARDS	cardholders (25%)		threshold of £0-£999		the majority of Head	& Contract
	were invited to take		will be undertaken		Teachers as the bulk	Management Team
	part in a survey,		and a one page		of purchase card	
	with twenty nine		procurement guide		spend is within the	
	responses		will be produced for		schools. This has	
	received. The		issue to all purchase		helped us	
	responses received		card holders and		understand why they	
	highlighted a		approvers.		are using the cards	
	general lack of				in the first place (and	
	awareness of				not PECOS) to ensure the new	
	procurement procedures.				guidance addresses	
	procedures.				these issues.	
					Remaining meetings	
					to be completed on	
					return from school	
					summer holidays	
					and guidance note	
					circulated &	
					appended to the	
					council's	
					procurement	
					, manual.	
					Delayed and	
					Rescheduled	

Action Plan Points I	Due by 30 June 2022 -	- Delayed &	Rescheduled/Evider	nce Required		
Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
LEGAL &	Periodic Review	MEDIUM	Obtain annual	30 September 20	Delayed and	Governance, Risk &
REGULATORY	and Agreement of		approval from DMTs	31 March 21	Rescheduled	Safety Manager
SUPPORT -	Information Asset		for all completed	30 September 21		
INFORMATION	Registers		IARs	31 December 21		
ASSET				30 June 22		
REGISTERS	For four of the 12			31 December 22		
	IARs there was no					
	evidence they had					
	been agreed by the					
	relevant DMT.					
	Furthermore IARs					
	need to be					
	reviewed to ensure					
	they are aligned to					
	the new Corporate					
	structure. The RMP					
	requires that IAR's					
	should have a					
	complete action					
	plan to document					
	required changes.					
	Two of the 12 IARs					
	had an action plan,					
	two had action					
	plans that did not					
	fully meet the					
	requirements of the					
	RMP and eight had					
	no action plan.					
LEGAL &	Periodic Review	MEDIUM	Action plans for all	30 September 20	Delayed and	Governance, Risk &
REGULATORY	and Agreement of		IARs to be put in	31 March 21	Rescheduled	Safety Manager
SUPPORT -	Information Asset		place and agreed by	30 September 21		

Action Plan Points	Due by 30 June 2022 ·	- Delayed	& Rescheduled/Evide	nce Required		
Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
INFORMATION	Registers		management teams	31 December 21		
ASSET				30 June 22		
REGISTERS	For four of the 12			31 December 22		
	IARs there was no					
	evidence they had					
	been agreed by the					
	relevant DMT.					
	Furthermore IARs					
	need to be					
	reviewed to ensure					
	they are aligned to					
	the new Corporate					
	structure.					
	The RMP requires					
	that IAR's should					
	have a complete					
	action plan to					
	document required					
	changes. Two of					
	the 12 IARs had an					
	action plan, two					
	had action plans					
	that did not fully					
	meet the					
	requirements of the					
	RMP and eight had					
	no action plan.					
LEGAL &	Information Asset	HIGH	Social Work IARs to	31 December 20	Delayed and	Governance, Risk &
REGULATORY	Registers		be completed and	30 June 21	Rescheduled	Safety Manager
SUPPORT -			approved by	30 September 21		
INFORMATION	The two Social		appropriate	31 December 21		

Action Plan Points	Due by 30 June 2022	- Delayed	& Rescheduled/Evider	nce Required		
Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
ASSET REGISTERS	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.		management teams	30 June 22 31 December 22		
CUSTOMER SUPPORT SERVICES- SICKNESS ABSENCE	Attendance Review Meetings Procedures stipulate that attendance review meetings should be carried out by the employee's line manager to facilitate the employees return	Medium	HR will review the mechanism for documenting content of attendance review meetings and recommend a preferred option for automatically populating the documentation into the MyView system.	31 December 21 30 April 22 30 June 22 31 October 22	Delayed and Rescheduled	HR Development Team Lead

			Rescheduled/Evider	-		
Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
	to work. No					
	evidence of review					
	meetings being					
	carried out was					
	available for any of					
	a sample of eight					
	long term					
	absences.					
	Procedures should					
	be updated to					
	ensure that all					
	attendance review					
	meetings are					
	properly recorded					
	in the MyView system in the same					
	way that return to					
	work interviews are					
	recorded in					
	MyView.					
ROADS &	Warden Service	High	Consider	30 June 2022	It has been agreed	Operations
INFRASTRUCTURE	Coverage		opportunities to	31 December 22	that the Warden	Manager, Roads &
SERVICES -			either restructure/		Service is	Infrastructure
WARDEN	The four		review overall		transferring to N & S	Services
SERVICES	environmental		service delivery to		and will be	
	wardens that are		provide additional		combined with the	
	expected to cover		warden cover or		Car Parking	
	the whole of the		alternatively look to		wardens and also	
	Council area,		generate additional		the staycation	
	including the		income to facilitate		wardens, this will	
	islands, are not		additional FTEs and		provide additional	
	geographically		a more equitable		resilience and better	

Service / Report	Finding	Priority	& Rescheduled/Evider	Dates	Comment	Responsible
	, manig	Thomy		Dutoo		Officer
	spread to ensure		spread of resource.		coverage of the area	
	there is efficient				and also working	
	cover across the		This will help inform		towards a 7 day	
	four Council		any input into the		warden service for	
	administration		2022 budget		all taks once training	
	areas. In particular,		process.		has been completed.	
	since 2018, there has been no				Delayed and	
	warden based in				Rescheduled	
	the MAKI area				Resolucia	
	which has resulted					
	in:					
	 disproportionately 					
	low level of warden					
	service in MAKI					
	compared to the other					
	administrative					
	areas					
	 where work is 					
	required in MAKI					
	the majority of the					
	warden's time is					
	spent commuting					
	rather than delivering the					
	required services.					
ROADS &	Second Bin	HIGH	Review the process	30 June 22	Further to	Operations
INFRASTRUCTURE	Service Verification		for:	30 September 22	discussions with the	Manager, Roads &

Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
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SERVICES - WARDEN			Deeline with		Governance, Risk	Infrastructure
	Wardens are		 Dealing with 		and Safety Manager	Services
SERVICES	expected to verify		requests for new		it has been	
	the veracity of		and replacement		suggested that the	
	applications from		bins.		review of the	
	customers for a				process considers	
	second domestic				that the service take	
	bin service. This				the customers at	
	requires the				their word when they	
	warden to confirm				make the application	
	that information				and provide the	
	provided by the				second bin without	
	customeris				any further checks,	
	accurate and				and for the assisted	
	meets the defined				uplift only check that	
	criteria. The				the distance from	
	information				the kerb is under 30	
	provided to				metres.	
	substantiate an				Deleve devid	
	application can be				Delayed and	
	very personal and				Rescheduled	
	sometimes of a					
	sensitive medical					
	nature. Wardens					
	have been asked					
	to provide this					
	service but have					
	received no formal					
	training in how to					
	ensure a					
	customer's dignity					
	is maintained or to					

Service / Report	Finding	Priority	Agreed Action	Dates	Comment	Responsible Officer
	ensure they are					
	aware of the					
	requirements of					
	General Data					
	Protection					
	Regulation (GDPR)					
	in relation to					
	personal data for					
	this specific					
	process.					
	Due to the					
	sensitivity of this					
	process, and the					
	potential risks					
	associated with					
	data protection it is					
	recommended that					
	the current					
	verification process					
	is reconsidered to					
	determine if it is					
	appropriate to					
	maintain it in its					
	current form. If it is					
	decided it should					
	be retained then					
	there should be					
	engagement with					
	the Council's					
	Governance and					
	Risk Manager to					

			& Rescheduled/Evider	nce Required		
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	ensure it is being					
	carried out in full					
	compliance with GDPR.					
ROADS &	Recharging for	VFM	Ensure that timely	31 March 22	Discussions are	Operations
INFRASTRUCTURE	sweeping of		and accurate	30 June 22	ongoing with N & S	Manager, Roads &
SERVICES -	Council car parks		recharges are	30 September 22	colleagues with	Infrastructure
STREET			carried out and a		regards to the	Services
CLEANING	The Council's		system in place to		frequency of street	
	income generating		ensure that this is		sweeping for car	
	car parks are		regularly taking		park maintenance.	
	recharged for		place.		A reduction in	
	street sweeping				frequency at certain	
	according to				locations has been	
	information retained in work				agreed and the work schedules are being	
	schedules rather				amended and an	
	than actual work				indicative value will	
	taking place,				be given to N & S for	
	additionally the				their approval.	
	Council's non-					
	income generating				Delayed and	
	car parks are not				Rescheduled	
	recharged for					
	sweeping.					
Adult Services	CPA Procedures	High	Processes and	30 June 22	Not complete. CPA	Consultant Nurse
(Older Adults &			procedures will be	31 December 22	post has been out to	
Community	There are no		developed across		advert however did	
Hospitals) HSCP –	agreed CPA written		Argyll & Bute to		not attract any	
Care Programme	procedures,		improve consistency		applicants on this	
Approach	including client		and ensure service		occasion, being re-	
	assessment		provision is		advertised.	

Action Plan Points	Action Plan Points Due by 30 June 2022 – Delayed & Rescheduled/Evidence Required								
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	processes, to ensure a consistent approach to CPA service provision across the HSCP.		appropriate across the region. This is subject to the recruitment of key posts within the service which are currently vacant.		Delayed and Rescheduled				

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						Status
FINANCIAL	Capital Programme	MEDIUM	Capital Planning and	31 March 22	This cannot be completed	Head of
SERVICES -	Planning &		Management Guide	30 September 22	until the Capital Strategy is	Commercial
CAPITAL	Management		to be updated once	31 December 22	complete which the Head	Services/Finan
MONITORING	Guide The		the Capital Strategy		of Commercial Services	ce Manager
	Council's Capital		has been approved		has advised will be	
	Guide has not		to ensure the two		towards the end of the	
	been revised since		are aligned and		calendar year.	
	2018 and requires		provide clarity.			
	a review to ensure				Delayed and	
	it reflects current				Rescheduled	
	working practices					
	and provides					
	appropriate support					
	to officers involved					
	in the capital					
	monitoring					
	process. The					
	Council is currently					
	developing a new					

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	Capital Strategy					
	which is to be					
	presented to the					
	Policy and					
	Resources					
	Committee in					
	August 2021 and					
	we recognise that a					
	review of the Guide					
	should be					
	conducted after the					
	Strategy has been					
	finalised to ensure					
	the two documents					
	complement each					
	other and. The					
	Guide could also					
	benefit from being					
	linked to, or					
	referencing, other					
	relevant Council					
	processes, in					
	particular the					
	Project					
	Management					
	section on the Hub.					
FINANCIAL	Guidance on	HIGH	Following the Public	30 June 20	This cannot be completed	Head of
SERVICES -	Following the		Pound guidance will	31 December 20	until the Capital Strategy is	Financial
FOLLOWING THE	Public Pound		be drafted to provide	30 June 2021	complete which the Head	Services
PUBLIC POUND	(FtPP) Although		a consistent	31 December 21	of Commercial Services	
	the Council has an		approach to	30 September 22	has advised may be	

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	approved process to manage external funding requests it is limited in detail, is not closely aligned to the Code of Guidance on Funding External Bodies and Following the Public 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		managing the award of external funds.	31 December 22	towards the end of the calendar year. Delayed and Rescheduled	Status

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	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 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.					

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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 of: • a more centralised approach to the administration and booking of pool cars • better promotion of the use of pool cars	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 increase usage.	30 September 20 31 December 20 30 June 21 31 December 21 30 April 22 29 July 22	On-going delay in implementation due to staff absence and staff training for temporary posts. New implementation date September. Delayed and Rescheduled	Procurement/T echnical Officer

			d & Rescheduled/Evid	-		
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Strategic Planning and Performance – HSCP – Risk Management – Risk Management Training	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 There is no formal proactive programme of risk management training. Whilst we understand some training has been provided where requested by the Clinical Governance Manager (and tailored to whom it is being delivered) there is no requirement for	Medium	A formal programme of risk management training should be developed and delivered to all key personnel involved in the management of risk.	30 June 21 30 June 22 30 December 22	Development sessions have been held with groups of staff which included raising awareness of the risk register process and support to update registers. The aim now is to offer sessions to each Head of Service and their direct reports to review their service registers and agree the process by which they will keep their service registers current. These sessions include	Clinical Governance Manager

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	Risk Leads to have training and training records are not maintained. There is also no dedicated training programme in place for new members of the IJB or Audit Committee, such as within induction training.				full training in use of the risk registers, the risk register process, the types of risks that should be recorded and escalation of risks Due to two members of the Clinical Governance Team leaving end of May resourcing this work is very challenging, leading to timescales slipping, therefore it is suggested that this is revised to the end of March 2023. Delayed and Rescheduled	