

NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

7 September 2017

PROGRESS ON ISSUES RAISED BY THE COMMITTEE

Joint Report of the Corporate Director – Strategic Resources
and the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services)**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To advise Members of

- (i) progress on issues which the Committee has raised at previous meetings
- (ii) other matters that have arisen since the last meeting and that relate to the work of the Committee

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 This report is submitted to each meeting listing the Committee's previous Resolutions and / or when it requested further information be submitted to future meetings. The table below represents the list of issues which were identified at previous Audit Committee meetings and which have not yet been resolved. The table also indicates where the issues are regarded as completed and will therefore not be carried forward to this agenda item at the next Audit Committee meeting.

Date	Minute number and subject	Audit Committee Resolution	Comment	Complete?
23/09/15	146 – Internal Audit Work and related Internal Control Matters for the Health and Adult Services Directorate.	That the Corporate Director – Strategic Resources discuss the timing of the next governance review of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Integrated Commissioning Board with the Assistant Director – Strategic Resources and the Head of Internal Audit.	Awaiting latest set of guidelines for Better Care Fund and on-going discussions with Health. Optimum timing will then be determined. A verbal update was provided to the Committee at the last meeting. This issue is such that it is unlikely that a single action will address. It is suggested that verbal updates continue to be provided and the focus on HAS for the September meeting provides opportunity to explore further.	?
02.03.17	225- Progress on Issues raised by the Committee	That the Corporate Director, Health and Adult Services be invited to attend the Audit	Due to the availability of the Corporate Director, Health and Adult Services on 28 September an invitation has	X

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		Committee meeting on 28 September 2017, together with the relevant Executive Member, to discuss issues around the Better Care Fund and Health and Adult Services.	been sent for the meeting on 30 November 2017.	
22.06.17	11 – Annual Report of the Head of Internal Audit	That the Head of Internal Audit provide information to Mr David Portlock concerning the aggregate total of the contracts where there had been five breaches relating to inadequate contract monitoring and two significant breaches relating to cost variation forms not completed	Information provided	✓
	11 – Annual Report of the Head of Internal Audit	That the Head of Internal Audit contact Mr David Marsh with a response to his question about the level at which contracts which are rolling forward can be signed off	Information provided	✓
	13 – Review of the Effectiveness of the Audit Committee	That the Committee be asked, in six months' time, whether it wished to proceed with a review of the Committee's effectiveness and the form and scope of any such review	To consider again at the December meeting	X
	13 – Review of the Effectiveness of the Audit Committee	That the results of the questionnaire issued to all Members of the Audit Committee in March be circulated to Audit Committee Members.	The information is currently being collated and should be circulated in time for the meeting.	X
	14 – Partnership Governance	That the Assistant Director (Policy and Partnerships) pick-up the issue that the County Council's Finance Officers are not involved in the HAS Involvement Forums although the County Council is making a £179k budget contribution to those Forums in addition to officer time.	The County Council budget allocation to the Forums has always been overseen in the normal way by the relevant budget manager and Assistant Director Strategic Resources. The Assistant Director Strategic Resources is now the nominated Finance Officer for the Forums going forward and this will be recorded in future annual reports.	✓

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	15 – Business Continuity Update	That the Corporate Director – Strategic Resources find out, for information purposes, whether the County Council make back-ups anywhere other than in Councils' buildings.	Data back-ups of all data are consolidated at the Data Centre in County Hall, which is, in turn backed-up to the data centre at Richmondshire District Council	✓
	16 – Corporate Procurement Strategy Update	That the Head of Procurement and Contract Management provide Mr David Portlock with information about the increase in the number of local businesses which are now supplying the County Council.	Verbal update to be provided	X

3.0 TREASURY MANAGEMENT

- 3.1 Capita Asset Services – Treasury Solutions have updated their interest rate forecasts on 7 August (last updated May 2017) to take into account the Bank of England quarterly Inflation Report for May 2017, the decision of the MPC meeting of 3 August. Capita have maintained their forecasts on the basis that there is very little in the way of any material change of any significance over the last three months to warrant making any changes.
- 3.2 CIPFA have issued consultations on proposed changes to the Code of Practice on Treasury Management and the Prudential Code. The consultations includes proposed changes to prudential indicators and the potential introduction of a capital strategy. The deadline for responses to the CIPFA consultation are required by Saturday 30th September 2017. Officers are currently in the process of drafting a response to the consultation

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 That the Committee considers whether any further follow-up action is required on any of the matters referred to in this report.

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Background Documents: Report to, and Minutes of, Audit Committee meeting held on 22 June 2017