
Report To:	Audit Committee	Date:	10 January 2023
Report By:	Interim Director Finance and Corporate Governance	Report No:	AC/02/23/AP/APr
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Subject:	EXTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLANS - CURRENT ACTIONS		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 For Decision For Information/Noting

1.2 The purpose of this report is to advise members of the status of current actions from External Audit Action Plans at 31 October 2022.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that members note the progress to date in relation to the implementation of external audit actions.

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3.0 BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

- 3.1 External Audit regularly report findings and action plans to relevant Council Officers and the Audit Committee as part of their annual audit plan.
- 3.2 A follow up process is in place to allow follow up of current external audit actions to be co-ordinated and updated by Internal Audit on a monthly basis with regular reporting to CMT and the Audit Committee.
- 3.3 The Chief Internal Auditor co-ordinates follow up reporting on current actions arising from External Audit Action Plans on a monthly basis with regular reporting to CMT and the Audit Committee.
- 3.4 There were no actions due for completion by 31 October 2022. The report has been updated to reflect the actions arising from the Annual Report to Members on the 2021/22 Audit.
- 3.5 There are 4 current external audit actions being progressed by officers. These are set out in the status report at Appendix 1.

4.0 PROPOSALS

- 4.1 The Audit Committee is asked to note the progress to date in relation to the implementation of external audit actions

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The table below shows whether risks and implications apply if the recommendation is agreed:

SUBJECT	YES	NO	N/A
Financial		X	
Legal/Risk	X		
Human Resources		X	
Strategic (LOIP/Corporate Plan)	X		
Equalities & Fairer Scotland Duty		X	
Children & Young People's Rights & Wellbeing		X	
Environmental & Sustainability		X	
Data Protection		X	

5.2 Legal/Risk

There is a risk that failure to implement agreed audit actions in a timely manner could result in an inability to provide a reasonable level of assurance over the Council's system of internal control to those charged with governance.

5.3 Strategic

This report relates to strong corporate governance.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 Relevant Officers were asked to provide updates to the report as appropriate.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 External Audit reports. Copies available from Andi Priestman, Chief Internal Auditor.

INVERCLYDE COUNCIL INTERNAL AUDIT
REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE ON
STATUS OF EXTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN POINTS
AT 31 OCTOBER 2022

Summary: Section 1 Summary of Management Actions due for completion by 31/10/2022

There were no actions due for completion by 31 October 2022.

Actions have been refreshed for the Annual Report to Members relating to the 2021/22 Audit.

Section 2 Summary of Current Management Actions Plans at 31/10/2022

At 31 October 2022 there were no audit reports delayed due to management not finalising the action plan within agreed timescales.

Section 3 Current Management Actions at 31/10/2022

At 31 October 2022 there were 4 current audit action points.

Section 4 Analysis of Missed Deadlines

At 31 October 2022 there were no audit action points where the agreed deadline has been missed.

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SUMMARY OF MANAGEMENT ACTION PLANS DUE FOR COMPLETION BY 31.10.2022

SECTION 1

Area	No. of Actions Due	No. of Actions Completed	Deadline missed Revised date set*	Deadline missed Revised date to be set*	No action proposed
Chief Executive	0				
Environment, Regeneration and Resources	0				
Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP)	0				
Education and Communities	0				
Total	0				

* These actions are included in the Analysis of Missed Deadlines – Section 4

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SUMMARY OF CURRENT MANAGEMENT ACTIONS AS AT 31.10.2022

SECTION 2





CURRENT ACTIONS BY DIRECTORATE

Environment, Regeneration and Resources	
Due for completion June 2023	2
Due for completion April 2026	1
Total Actions	3
Education, Communities and Organisational Development	
Due for completion March 2023	1
Total Actions	1
Total current actions:	4

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CURRENT MANAGEMENT ACTIONS AS AT 31.10.2022

SECTION 3

Description	Status	Original Due Date	Due Date	Assigned To
Annual Report to Members on the 2021/22 Audit (November 2022)				
Heritage Assets Valuation review (New) Officers within Finance and Cultural Services will progress a revaluation of the heritage assets prior to the closure of the 2022/23 Accounts.		30-Jun-2023	30-Jun-2023	Interim Director Finance & Corporate Governance/ Corporate Director, Education, Communities & OD
Estimation and judgement disclosure (B/f) A review has not been carried out for the 2021/22 Accounts due to limited time and resource. A review will be progressed taking into account the approach taken by other Councils.		30-Jun-2023	30-Jun-2023	Finance Manager (Environment & Technical)
Internal Controls (B/f) Management will carry out a review and ensure appropriate controls are implemented on a timely basis to address the reported weakness.		31-Mar-2023	31-Mar-2023	Head of OD, Policy & Communications
Local Development Plan (B/f) The preparation of the LDP will commence in February 2023 and be complete in April 2026.		30-Apr-2026	30-Apr-2026	Interim Director, Environment & Regeneration

Action Status



Overdue



In Progress



Completed

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ANALYSIS OF MISSED DEADLINES**

SECTION 4

Report	Action	Original Date	Revised Date	Management Comments
There are no current actions where the original action date has been missed.				