

ANALYSIS OF THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE AUDIT COMMISSION'S ANNUAL AUDIT & INSPECTION

CORPORATE & FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Para No.	Issues Requiring Action	Lead Executive Member/ Body	Responsible Officer
48	<p>Financial Statements</p> <p>Continue to ensure that the interface between the social care income system and the main accounting system is robust and that reconciliations involving the benefits and revenues systems are undertaken on a more frequent basis.</p>	Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources	Executive Director of Resources
55	<p>Financial Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate financial and performance management and reporting and use this to identify areas where the budget is being met but there is underperformance on activity. 	The Leader and the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources	Executive Director of Resources and the Head of Corporate Policy and Performance
56	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to pro-actively monitor the target levels for financial reserves and balances 	Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources	Executive Director of Resources
57 58/61	<p>Internal Control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure that the register of gifts and hospitality and associated guidance are comprehensive Ensure that there are comprehensive plans for maintaining priority services and recovering key information systems in the event of a disaster. It is important that there are appropriate plans, that they are reviewed and tested regularly and understood by all staff. 	Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources / The Standards & Governance Committee in liaison with the S151 and Monitoring Officer	Executive Director of Resources and Solicitor to the Council

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34	<p>Value For Money</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to improve the management of the Council's Capital Programme, the integration of performance and financial reporting and achieve the planned savings from procurement. 	Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources and the Leader of the Council.	Executive Director of Resources and the Head of Corporate Policy and Performance

SERVICE ISSUES

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19	<p>Tackling Deprivation and Inequality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the time taken to re-let council owned homes to above average compared to other Councils as well as rent collection levels. 	Cabinet Members for Homes and Housing	Executive Director for Neighbourhoods
20/56	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of Housing Benefit claims which are assessed correctly and the percentage of council tax collected. 	Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources	Executive Director of Resources
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improve the stability of placements for looked after children in the city. 	Cabinet Member for Children's Services	Executive Director of Children's Services and Learning
22	<p>Promoting Independent Living</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to improve the waiting times for equipment and adaptations, the availability of single rooms for those requiring residential care and work with partners to improve any delay in discharges from hospitals in the city. 	Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care & Communities	Executive Director for Communities, Health and Care

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23	<p>Promoting lifelong learning for all people</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to improve educational attainment, surplus secondary school places and reduce the level of school absences so that the council is no longer designated as a Persistent Absence Authority. 	Cabinet Member for Children's Services	Executive Director of Children's Services and Learning
25	<p>Improving Community Safety and tackling crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to focus partner attention on the most serious domestic violence offences 	Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social & Communities	Executive Director for Communities, Health and Care
28	<p>Improving the street scene and the environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to improve the condition of roads and footpaths to above average compared to other councils. 	Cabinet Member for Environment and Sustainability	Executive Director for the Environment
30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain the reduction in the number of planning appeals allowed and improve the level of customer satisfaction with the planning service. 	Cabinet Member for Planning & Transportation	Executive Director for the Environment
31	<p>Healthier Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure there is sufficient focus on improving health outcomes in priority neighbourhoods 	Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care & Communities	Executive Director for Communities, Health and Care