

PROGRESS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT (VALUE FOR MONEY) 2022/23

Item AU 24/41 referred from Audit Committee of 23 September 2024

The report of the Management Team provided an update on the progress in addressing the recommendations made in the 2022/23 Auditor's Annual Report. On 25 September 2023, the Committee received a copy of the Auditor's Annual Report for 2022/23 and noted that two significant weaknesses had been identified by Grant Thornton relating to performance management and procurement under the heading 'Improving economy, efficiency and effectiveness'.

In addition to the recommendations made in respect of the two significant weaknesses, Grant Thornton also made four improvement recommendations. These related to transformation, workforce strategy, the re-formatting of the Strategic Risk Register and the integration of financial reporting and performance data. A list of key recommendations and improvement recommendations was attached at Annex 1 to the report.

RECOMMENDED*: That

- (1) Annex 1 to the report be reviewed and, if appropriate, any further updates provided, be incorporated; and
- (2) the actions and commentary set out in Annex 1 to the report, be endorsed.

***Referred to Cabinet**