

APPENDIX A

Reasons for original assurance levels given (below Substantial)

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AUDIT REVIEW	ASSURANCE LEVEL	ISSUES NOTED IN ORIGINAL REVIEW	Level at follow up
Business Continuity Planning	Minimal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no lead officer for business continuity planning • There is no appropriately skilled or resourced Business Continuity Planning function • The council does not hold a strategic Business Continuity Plan • There is a lack of business continuity plans at a department level 	<p>Partial (See appendix B)</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
Rechargeable Repairs	Partial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of tenancy agreements could not be found during testing • No check is made that invoices sent out are correct • The number of post inspections had fallen due to Covid restrictions. 	<p>Follow up</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
IR35	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pockets of knowledge on the subject in different areas of the council but not working together • A status determination statement on file was completed by the consultant • The status of the golf pro is unclear • Guidance on the intranet does not cover the full process and is not easily found • Consultants have been set up on council systems as if they are employees. 	<p>Minimal (See appendix B)</p> <p>2nd Follow up due October 21</p>
Arrears Collection	Partial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged debt analyses not being utilised to inform debt collection • Lack of shared knowledge and expertise in debt collection 	<p>Follow up</p> <p>Ongoing</p>

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		as split between departments.	
Leaseholder Management and Recharges	Partial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Leaseholder handbook is out of date • Copies of some leases could not be found for the audit. 	Follow up due June 21 Ongoing
Procurement	Partial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The council does not have a Procurement Strategy • The council does not have a representative on any local procurement group • The use of corporate contracts is not adequately communicated • There is no reporting on savings made through contract procurement • The Creditors system is not being utilised to highlight opportunities to put contracts in place. • Non-compliance with raising of purchase orders is not being monitored and reported. 	Follow up Ongoing
Implementation of Housing CX	Partial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some reports required from the system are still not available • Lack of resource for communication between departments and those writing reports 	Follow up Ongoing
Fly Tipping	Partial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No policy on fly tipping • Procedures require updating • Lack of separation of duties between operational work and authorisation • Information/evidence not held centrally in one place 	Follow up Ongoing