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AUDIT REVIEW	ASSURANCE LEVEL	ISSUES NOTED	Level at follow up
Conferences and Group Travel	Adequate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The contract template needs to be reviewed Retention of documentation needs to be improved Official names and addresses of businesses were not routinely requested or retained. The payment terms written into the contracts do not reflect those followed in practice. 	Due Oct
Benefits (Annual 14/15)	Well	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testing showed cases where overpayments were not being highlighted for recovery action 	N/A
Council Tax (Annual 14/15)	Well	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The suspense account is not regularly checked and cleared. 	N/A
IT (Annual 14/15)	Inadequate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some gaps noted in an earlier IT Health check had not been addressed There is no current Disaster Recovery Plan There is no current Business Continuity Plan. 	N/A
Licences	Inadequate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No taxi licensing policy is in place. In some cases the Police had not been informed of suspended premises licences. In some cases there was no record of the consent form from the Designated Premises Supervisor. In some cases there was no record of criminal record disclosure checks. Debt recovery was found to be inconsistent. A process is not in place to ensure that taxi vehicles over 7 years old have biannual checks. Some vehicle suitability checks on file were found to have not been correctly completed. 	Due Oct

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Leasing and Licensing	Adequate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One instance where a licensee had been told to stop using a piece of land which was not followed up. • Rent reviews deferred with no reason noted. • Leaseholders insurance details out of date with no process in place for chasing information. 	Due Dec
Internet Controls	Adequate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The list of those with access to systems shows staff known to have left the Council, duplicated entries and 984 entries of unknown names or other identification. • Issues around leavers from agencies or Towner not being notified to IT. • Use of personal drives is not made clear in the IT Acceptable Use Policy. 	Due Jan
Planning System	Adequate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible Data Protection issues around data held on the website. • Issues with the current payment process which means applications may not be fully completed. Requires Civica upgrade. 	Due Jan
Telephones	Well	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tariffs need to be reviewed to ensure that the best one is obtained for the authority. • The list of which officers hold which mobiles is out of date. 	Due Jan
Personal Loans	Well	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The loans booklet states that managers must liaise with the Exchequer Manager before authorising loans but this is not being complied with. • Wording about repayment is not consistent on forms being used. 	Due Apl