

Audit and Governance Committee

Dorset County Council



Date of Meeting	20 September 2017
Officers	<u>Lead Cabinet Member</u> Rebecca Knox – Leader <u>Local Members</u> All Members <u>Lead Director</u> Debbie Ward, Chief Executive
Subject of Report	Progress on Matters Raised at Previous Meetings
Executive Summary	This report records:- (a) Cabinet decisions arising from recommendations from Audit and Governance Committee meetings; and (b) Outstanding actions identified at the meeting held on 24 July 2017. (c) Updates in relation to items discussed at previous meetings.
Impact Assessment:	Equalities Impact Assessment: N/A Use of Evidence: Information used to compile this report is drawn together from the Committee's recommendations made to the Cabinet, and arising from matters raised at previous meetings. Evidence of other decisions made by the Cabinet which have differed from recommendations will also be included in the report.
	Budget: No VAT or other cost implications have been identified arising directly from this programme.

Progress on Matters Raised at Previous Meetings

	<p>Risk Assessment: Having considered the risks associated with this decision using the County Council's approved risk management methodology, the level of risk has been identified as: Current Risk: LOW Residual Risk: LOW</p>
	<p>Other Implications: None</p>
Recommendation	<p>That Members consider the matters set out in this report.</p>
Reason for Recommendation	<p>To support the Council's corporate aim to provide innovative and value for money services.</p>
Appendices	<p>Appendix 1 – Outstanding Actions Appendix 2 – Progress Updates</p>
Background Papers	<p>None</p>
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Date of Meeting	Note Number and subject reference	Action Required	Responsible Officer	Completed (incl comments)
24 July 17	39 – Internal Audit Annual Report – 2016/17	The South West Audit Partnership to ensure that the Cabinet Portfolio Holder is updated on the current position in relation to the audit of DBS checks.	Rupert Bamberger	Completed – original Safer Recruitment - DBS checks report shared with Cabinet Member for Safeguarding, along with latest follow up report.
	42 – Budget Monitoring Report	The Children Services budget overspend is discussed at the next Overview and Scrutiny Management Board in order that committees can support the work required to reduce the overspend and improve understanding of the issues involved.	Democratic Services Officer	Update to be provided following the Overview & Scrutiny Management Board meeting.
	43 – Debt Recovery Performance for Year 2016/17	That regular information on debt management is included in the budget monitoring reports in future.	Jim McManus	Debt management information will be included in future budget monitoring reports, starting with the September committee report.
	47 – Children Services Budget	That a scoping document for an inquiry day to explore the costs and issues relating to Looked After Children is considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 11 September 17.	Patrick Myers	The scoping document considered by the Overview & Scrutiny Management Board on 11.09.17 is attached at Appendix 3.
	49 – Corporate Compliments and Complaints Annual Report 2016-17	That consideration is given to the inclusion of information on complaints trends within the regular progress report in future.	Julie Taylor	Officers will be working to include complaints trends in future reports.

Progress Update Reports (to be included as necessary)

Primary School Meals Contract

The update to the Committee follows the former Audit and Scrutiny Committee's "Call to Account" on Universal Free School Meals held on 16/10/14, the Committee's subsequent report to Cabinet dated 22/10/14 setting out its findings and conclusions and the Cabinet's action plan to address the matters dated 25/02/15.

Following consultation with schools and engagement with local suppliers a new multi supplier framework will be put in place to start on 01/08/18. The framework will be divided into nine geographical lots that will allow local suppliers to bid for specific areas which they are able to supply. The framework will be awarded during January 2018 and this will give schools plenty of time to carry out further competition for suppliers to be in place by the end of May ready for September 2018.

The current Primary School Meal Contract with Chartwells has been extended for two years – for schools who wished to extend (daily meal numbers on this contract will reduce from approx. 12,000 to 7,000).