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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Audit Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>7 June 2022</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Interim Director Finance and Corporate Governance</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>AC/08/22/AP/APr</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>EXTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLANS - CURRENT ACTIONS</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the status of current actions from External Audit Action Plans at 30 April 2022.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Chief Internal Auditor co-ordinates follow up reporting on current actions arising from External Audit Action Plans on a monthly basis with regular reporting to CMT and the Audit Committee.
- 2.2 There was one action due for completion by 30 April which has missed the deadline set by management.
- 2.3 There are 6 current external audit actions being progressed by officers. These are set out in the status report at Appendix 1.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 It is recommended that Members note the progress to date in relation to the implementation of external audit actions.

**Alan Puckrin**  
**Interim Director**  
**Finance and Corporate Governance**

## 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 External Audit regularly report findings and action plans to relevant Council Officers and the Audit Committee as part of their annual audit plan.
- 4.2 A follow up process is in place to allow follow up of current external audit actions to be co-ordinated and updated by Internal Audit on a monthly basis with regular reporting to CMT and the Audit Committee.

## 5.0 CURRENT STATUS

- 5.1 The Chief Internal Auditor co-ordinates follow up reporting on current actions arising from External Audit Action Plans on a monthly basis with regular reporting to CMT and the Audit Committee.
- 5.2 There was one action due for completion by 30 April which has missed the deadline set by management.
- 5.3 There are 6 current external audit actions being progressed by officers. These are set out in the status report at Appendix 1.
- 5.4 The CMT has reviewed the current status of external audit actions.

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

### 6.1 Finance

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

#### One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

#### Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

### 6.2 Legal

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

### 6.3 Human Resources

There are no direct HR implications arising from this report.

### 6.4 Equalities

There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

### 6.5 Repopulation

There are no direct repopulation implications arising from this report.

## 7.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 Relevant Officers were asked to provide updates to the report as appropriate.

## **8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 External Audit reports. Copies available from Andi Priestman, Chief Internal Auditor.

**INVERCLYDE COUNCIL INTERNAL AUDIT**  
**REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE ON**  
**STATUS OF EXTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN POINTS**  
**AT 30 APRIL 2022**

**Summary: Section 1 Summary of Management Actions due for completion by 30/04/2022**

There was one action due for completion by 30 April 2022 which has not been completed and the completion date in relation to this action requires to be revised.

**Section 2 Summary of Current Management Actions Plans at 30/04/2022**

At 30 April 2022 there were no audit reports delayed due to management not finalising the action plan within agreed timescales.

**Section 3 Current Management Actions at 30/04/2022**

At 30 April 2022 there were 6 current audit action points.

**Section 4 Analysis of Missed Deadlines**

At 30 April 2022 there was one audit action point where the agreed deadline has been missed.

**INVERCLYDE COUNCIL INTERNAL AUDIT  
REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE ON  
STATUS OF EXTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN POINTS**

**SUMMARY OF MANAGEMENT ACTION PLANS DUE FOR COMPLETION BY 30.04.2022**

**SECTION 1**

<b>Area</b>	<b>No. of Actions Due</b>	<b>No. of Actions Completed</b>	<b>Deadline missed Revised date set*</b>	<b>Deadline missed Revised date to be set*</b>	<b>No action proposed</b>
Chief Executive	0				
Environment, Regeneration and Resources	1			1	
Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP)	0				
Education and Communities	0				
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>	

\* These actions are included in the Analysis of Missed Deadlines – Section 4

**INVERCLYDE COUNCIL INTERNAL AUDIT  
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**SUMMARY OF CURRENT MANAGEMENT ACTIONS AS AT 30.04.2022**

**SECTION 2**

**CURRENT ACTIONS BY DIRECTORATE**

<b>Environment, Regeneration and Resources</b>	
Due for completion June 2022	4
Due for completion February 2023	1
Completion date to be advised	1
<b>Total Actions</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Total current actions:</b>	<b>6</b>

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CURRENT MANAGEMENT ACTIONS AS AT 30.04.2022**

**SECTION 3**

**Environment, Regeneration and Resources**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Owner</b>	<b>Expected Date</b>
<b>2020/2021 Annual Audit Report (November 2021)</b>		
<b>Detailed Review of Fixed Asset Register</b> A replacement fixed asset register will be developed for use from the 2021/22 Accounts onwards.	<b>Interim Director, Finance and Corporate Governance</b>	<b>30.06.2022</b>
<b>Non-current Asset Valuations</b> The approach of 5 yearly valuations will be reviewed and either a rolling review or indexation will be implemented from the 2021/22 Accounts	<b>Interim Director, Finance and Corporate Governance</b>	<b>30.06.2022</b>
<b>Management Commentary</b> The previously agreed action will be implemented for the 2021/22 Accounts.	<b>Interim Director, Finance and Corporate Governance</b>	<b>30.06.2022</b>
<b>Estimation and Judgement Disclosure</b> The requirements of the Good Practice Note will be included within the 2021//22 Accounts.	<b>Interim Director, Finance and Corporate Governance</b>	<b>30.06.2022</b>
<b>Medium to Long Term Savings</b> The high level savings options largely developed by officers will be refined and discussed with Members as part of the 2023/24 Budget post the May 2022 elections.	<b>Interim Director, Finance and Corporate Governance</b>	<b>28.02.2023</b>
<b>Local Development Plan</b> The draft LDP was submitted for consultation In August 2021 and responses are now being considered before submission to Scottish Ministers for consideration. This is in line with the agreed timescale with adoption not likely to be before April 2022.	<b>Interim Director, Environment and Economic Recovery</b>	<b>To be advised*</b>

**INVERCLYDE COUNCIL INTERNAL AUDIT  
REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE ON  
STATUS OF EXTERNAL AUDIT ACTION PLAN POINTS  
ANALYSIS OF MISSED DEADLINES**

**SECTION 4**

<b>Report</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Original Date</b>	<b>Revised Date</b>	<b>Management Comments</b>
<b>2020/2021 Annual Audit Report (November 2021)</b>	<b>Local Development Plan</b> The draft LDP was submitted for consultation In August 2021 and responses are now being considered before submission to Scottish Ministers for consideration. This is in line with the agreed timescale with adoption not likely to be before April 2022.	<b>30.04.22</b>	<b>To be advised</b>	This has been exacerbated by the delay in the outcome decision by the Scottish Ministers in relation to the West of Quarry Drive application until after the local government elections. A management decision has therefore been taken that there is insufficient time to modify the proposed plan ahead of the HDNA and National Planning Framework 4 being implemented and work will therefore start afresh based on the new guidance.