



AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

26 September 2024

BVAR - ACTION PLAN

Report by Chief Executive

PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the Report is to provide a progress update on the Best Value Action Plan presented to Audit and Scrutiny Committee in December 2022.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Comhairle's Best Value Action Plan was presented to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee in December 2022 to address the recommendations highlighted in the Best Value Assurance Report completed by Audit Scotland. The first progress Report was presented to Audit and Scrutiny Committee in February 2024.
- 2.2 The action plan, appended to the Report, sets out a number of areas where action is required to address the nine recommendations set out by the BVAR in 2022. Six of these actions are complete with progress reported in all areas.
- 2.3 In some areas action has been delayed by the cyber-attack, with resources diverted to service delivery priorities however, there has been good progress overall on delivery of the action plan. The plan will continue to be monitored with further reporting scheduled for March 2025.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 **It is recommended that the Comhairle notes the progress against the BVAR Action plan.**

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Appendix 1: BVAR Action Plan Monitoring Update

IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The following implications are applicable in terms of the Report.

Resource Implications	Implications/None
Financial	None
Legal	None
Staffing	None
Assets and Property	None
Strategic Implications	Implications/None
Risk	A BVAR Action Plan aims to address the recommendations identified by Audit Scotland.
Equalities	There are no equality issues identified within this report.
Corporate Strategy	This Report aligns with the current Corporate Strategy 2022-27 that <i>efficient and sustainable services are provided to the community.</i>
Environmental Impact	None
Consultation	None