



AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

1 MAY 2025

## **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. Progress reports have been presented to Audit and Scrutiny Committee regularly.
- 2.2 The action plan, appended to the Report, details progress against the nine recommendations set out by the BVAR in 2022. Seven of the nine recommendations are complete with progress reported against the remaining two recommendations.
- 2.3 To complete the work for the recommendation on capital projects, a new website requires to be developed hosting all the templates.
- 2.4 The work on the development of a new LOIP and performance framework has commenced. Some of the actions completed in 2022 are likely to require further refinement as the new LOIP and performance framework are developed.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Comhairle:

**(a) notes the progress against the BVAR Action plan; and**

**(b) notes that further monitoring and reporting of the BVAR Action Plan will be undertaken through service business plans.**

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Appendix 1:

BVAR Action Plan Monitoring Update

## IMPLICATIONS

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

<b>Resource Implications</b>	<b>Implications/None</b>
Financial	None
Legal	None
Staffing	None
Assets and Property	None
<b>Strategic Implications</b>	<b>Implications/None</b>
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 2024-27 objectives to <i>Deliver efficient and sustainable services to our customers</i> and to <i>ensure effective governance of the Comhairle</i> .
Environmental Impact	None
Consultation	None