



## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, 23 JANUARY 2026

### DECISIONS

Set out below is a summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of the Corporate Governance Committee held on Friday, 23 January 2026. The wording used does not necessarily reflect the actual wording which will appear in the minutes.

If you have any queries about any matters referred to in this decision sheet please contact Miss. G. Duckworth (tel: 0116 305 2583).

**ITEM 7**  
*Director of Corporate Resources*      **EXTERNAL AUDIT OF THE 2024/25 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT AND PENSION FUND ACCOUNTS - UPDATE.**

That the Auditor's updated Audit Findings report be noted and the updated letter of representation be approved.

**ITEM 8**  
*Director of Corporate Resources*      **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2026/27.**

That the report be noted and it be recommended that the County Council approves the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2026/27.

**ITEM 9**  
*Director of Corporate Resources*      **QUARTERLY TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT.**

That the report be noted.

**ITEM 10**  
*Director of Corporate Resources*      **RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE.**

- a) That the current status of the corporate and strategic risks facing the County Council be noted;
- b) That recommendations be made on any areas which might benefit from further examination;
- c) That it be recommended that the Cabinet approves the revised Risk Management Policy Statement and Strategy and the Insurance Policy, with delegation to the Director of Corporate Resources to amend it if necessary;
- d) That the update on the work undertaken and planned work of the Property and Occupants Risk Management Group be noted.

<b>ITEM 11</b> <i>Director of Corporate Resources</i>	<b>GLOBAL INTERNAL AUDIT STANDARDS IN THE UK PUBLIC SECTOR - GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS.</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) That the results and improvements required following the Head of Internal Audit Service provisional self-assessment against the Code of Practice for the Governance of Internal Audit in Local Government be noted;</li> <li>b) That the draft Internal Audit Strategy – January 2026 to March 2028 be noted;</li> <li>c) That a delegation to the Director of Corporate Resources to make any necessary minor changes to either document be agreed.</li> </ul>
<b>ITEM 12</b> <i>Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Law and Governance</i>	<b>CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES.</b>  That the revised Contract Procedure Rules be endorsed and approval by the County Council be recommended.
<b>ITEM 13</b> <i>Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Law and Governance</i>	<b>CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL'S MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT.</b>  That the revised Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement be approved.
<b>ITEM 14</b> <i>Director of Law and Governance and Director of Corporate Resources</i>	<b>WHISTLEBLOWING REPORT.</b>  That the report and the proposed annual reporting cycle to this Committee on the effectiveness of the policy be noted.