



AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

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BEST VALUE ASSURANCE REPORT - ACTION PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE

Report by Chief Executive

PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the Report is to highlight progress on the Best Value Action Plan developed following the Audit Scotland Best Value Assurance Report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Comhairle's Best Value Action Plan was presented to the Comhairle in December 2022 to address the recommendations highlighted in the Best Value Assurance Report completed by Audit Scotland.
- 2.2 The action plan sets out a number of areas where action is required to address the recommendations set out by the BVAR in 2022. A number of these actions are now complete; with three actions expected to be completed within the 2024/25 timeframe.

RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Comhairle:
- (a) notes the progress against the BVAR Action plan; and
 - (b) note that a further progress update will be provided on completion of the action plan.

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Appendix 1: BVAR Action Plan

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 2024-27 that <i>efficient and sustainable services are provided to the community.</i>
Environmental Impact	None
Consultation	None