PROVISIONAL 2025/26 BCPINTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

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Wellbeing	Human Resources (Service KAF)	High	To review HR process within Wellbeing to ensure that corporate policies are being complied with - including DBS checks, right to work checks, training, inductions and declarations of interest.	Legacy council/s	CR15 – We may fail to have in place suitable talent attraction, retention and succession planning, staff wellbeing and support (H)	Our approach Developing a passionate, proud. valued and diverse workforce Creating an environment for innovation, learning & leadership	3
Adult Social Care	Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards	High	Ensuring safeguarding of individuals, compliance with legislation.	Legacy Council (Bournemou th 2018)	SRR - Unable to meet statutory obligations and deliver good outcomes for people due to long waiting times for assessments and reviews (H) SRR - Failure to ensure the quality standard of adult social care provision (H)	Our people and communities High quality of life for all, where people can be active, healthy and independent.	1
Adult Social Care	Extra Care Housing	High	To review allocation & monitoring of extra care housing. Service request to review	Legacy council/s	SRR - Failure to ensure the quality standard of adult social care provision	Our people and communities High quality of life for all, where people can be active, healthy and independent Those who need support receive it when and where they need it	2

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						Good quality homes are accessible, sustainable and affordable for all	
Adult Social Care	ASC Contact Centre	Medium	To review effectiveness of the ASC contact centre.	n/a – new provision	SRR - Failure to ensure the quality standard of adult social care provision	Our people and communities Working together, everyone feels safe and secure High quality of life for all, where people can be active, healthy and independent Those who need support receive it when and where they need it	2
Adult Social Care	Emergency Duty Service	Medium	To review the operation of the Emergency Duty Service. Service request.	2020/21	SRR - Failure to ensure the quality standard of adult social care provision	Our people and communities Working together, everyone feels safe and secure High quality of life for all, where people can be active, healthy and independent Those who need support receive it when and where they need it	3
Adult Social Care	ASC Carers Service	Medium	Review of the ASC Carers service. This area has not been reviewed in recent years.	Legacy council/s	SRR - Failure to ensure the quality standard of adult social care provision	Our people and communities High quality of life for all, where people can be active, healthy and independent Those who need support receive it when and where they need it	4

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Adult Social Care	Community Mental Health	Medium	Review of the Community Mental Health service. This has not been reviewed in recent years.	Reviewed within wider audit 2020/21	SRR - Failure to ensure the quality standard of adult social care provision	Our people and communities Working together, everyone feels safe and secure High quality of life for all, where people can be active, healthy and independent Those who need support receive it when and where they need it	4
Adult Social Care	Safeguarding (Core KAF)	High	Annual KAF review of corporate safeguarding arrangements.	2024/25	SRR - Failing to respond to safeguarding people at risk and keeping our clients safe	Our people and communities Working together, everyone feels safe and secure	4
Adult Social Care	Direct Payments (Counter Fraud)	High	Part of Council's commitment to deterrence, prevention & detection of fraud.	2021/22	FRR - Direct payments are not spent as per care plan activities	Our people and communities High quality of life for all, where people can be active, healthy and independent Those who need support receive it when and where they need it	3
Adult Social Care Commissioning	Care Technology	Medium	Review of the roll out of the Care Technology transformation project	Legacy council/s	SRR - Failure to ensure the quality standard of adult social care provision	Our people and communities High quality of life for all, where people can be active, healthy and independent Those who need support receive it when and where they need it	4

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Adult Social Care Commissioning	ASC Commissioning – Follow Up Review	High	Partial audit opinion Partial audit opinion – extended follow up to ensure high (& other recs) implemented & embedded.	2024/25	SRR - Failure of local care market to meet increasing demand SRR - Unable to manage Adult Social Care pressures within budget. SRR - Internal Audit: Commissioning - Brokerage & Contracts SRR - Internal Audit: Supplier Assurance 2024/25	Our people and communities Working together, everyone feels safe and secure High quality of life for all, where people can be active, healthy and independent Those who need support receive it when and where they need it Good quality homes are accessible, sustainable and affordable for all	2
Public Health & Communities	Public Health Grant	High	Public Health – BCP Council from 1/4/25. Review to ensure all requirements of public health grant are met and managed.	New audit area	New directorate – no SRR in place yet	Our people and communities High quality of life for all, where people can be active, healthy and independent	1
Public Health & Communities	Key Assurance Review	High	New service directorate 1/4/25. Review to ensure key assurance / governance processes are in place.	New audit area	New directorate – no SRR in place yet	Our people and communities High quality of life for all, where people can be active, healthy and independent	4
Housing & Public Protection	Leaseholder Charges	High	Recent Tribunal ruling effecting Leaseholder Charges, financial risks.	Legacy Council (Bournemout h 2016)	SR - Failure to collect cost from Leaseholders (M)	Our people and communities Good quality homes are accessible, sustainable and affordable for all.	1

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Housing & Public Protection	Food Safety Regulatory Compliance	High	Ensuring public safety and compliance of Food Safety Standards.	2020/21	SR - Reduction in Food Safety resource (M)	Our people and communities High quality of life for all, where people can be active, healthy and independent.	1
Housing & Public Protection	Housing Quality New Social Housing Regulations Compliance	High	Ensure that Council has arrangements in place to ensure compliance with the new Regulations	2022/23	SRR - various, including the below: Regulatory notice served or poor inspection outcome. Failure to provide homes that meet the revised decent homes standard	Our people and communities Good quality homes are accessible, sustainable and affordable for all	2
Housing & Public Protection	Procurement & Contract Management (KAF)	High	Service has had a number of high value breaches of Financial Regulations in recently years. To review compliance with corporate requirements to ensure future breaches will not arise.	2022/23	SRR - Failure to comply with Financial Regulations to achieve value for money and/or meet legislative requirements	Our people and communities Good quality homes are accessible, sustainable and affordable for all Our approach Using our resources sustainably to support our ambitions	3
Housing & Public Protection	Port Health	Medium	To ensure the Council is fulfilling its duties regarding port health, including the new regulations	New audit area	SRR - Port Health Service	Our people and communities High quality of life for all, where people can be active, healthy and independent	4
Housing & Public Protection	Temporary Accommodation and B&B Financial Management – Follow Up Review	High	Partial audit opinion – extended follow up to ensure high (& other recs) implemented & embedded.	2024/25	SRR - Increased use of B&B for homeless households	Our people and communities Good quality homes are accessible, sustainable and affordable for all	4

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Housing & Public Protection	Housing Rents - 2024/25/26 Audit (KFS)	High	Key financial system – review to ensure rents collected efficiently & effectively	2024/25	SRR - Unrecoverable charges and bad debt	Our people and communities Good quality homes are accessible, sustainable and affordable for all	1
Housing & Public Protection	Rightto Buy (Counter Fraud)	High	Part of Council's commitment to deterrence, prevention & detection of fraud.	2022/23	FRR - Obtaining discount and property by providing false records of circumstances	Our people and communities Good quality homes are accessible, sustainable and affordable for all	2
CHILDREN'S	SSERVICES						
Commissioning Resources & Quality	Out of Borough Placements	High	Review the management, decision-making process, and financial oversight of OOB placements to ensure placements are appropriate and cost-effective. This review will be focussed on Social Care Placements.	Legacy council/s	CR02 – We may fail to achieve appropriate outcomes and quality of service for children and young people including potential inadequate safeguarding SRR - Assurance of the safeguarding and quality assurance of commissioned placements.	Our people and communities Those who need support receive it when and where they need it	1
Commissioning Resources & Quality	Complaints	Medium	Review the processes for managing complaints related to children's services, ensuring they are handled in a timely, transparent, and compliant	Included as part of previous audits (corporate/se rvice)	CR02 - We may fail to achieve appropriate outcomes and quality of service for children and young people including potential inadequate safeguarding (H) SRR – note risks many identified could lead to complaints	Our people and communities Those who need support receive it when and where they need it Our approach Using data, insights and feedback to shape services and solutions	1

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			manner, with lessons learned feeding into service improvement.				
Commissioning Resources & Quality	Safeguarding - BCP Safeguarding Partnership	∐iah	Review of the effectiveness of the BCP Safeguarding Partnership now it has been in operation for 12 months.	2021/22	CR02 – We may fail to achieve appropriate outcomes and quality of service for children and young people including potential inadequate safeguarding CR16 – we may fail to secure or manage partnerships, miss out on associated funding and be unable to deliver services for communities SRR - Failure to deliver effective safeguarding arrangements for children.	Our people and communities Those who need support receive it when and where they need it Our approach Working closely with partners, removing barriers and empowering others	3/4
Children's Social Care	Parenting Assessment Team	High	Review of the parenting assessment process to ensure they are in accordance with the Department of Health's Framework for The Assessment of children in need and their families.	No previous coverage	CR02 – We may fail to achieve appropriate outcomes and quality of service for children and young people including potential inadequate safeguarding SRR - Failure to achieve appropriate outcomes and quality of service for young people.	Our people and communities Those who need support receive it when and where they need it	1
Children's Social Care	Pathway Plans	High	Review to include how many are completed with young people and multi agency present	No previous coverage	CR02 – We may fail to achieve appropriate outcomes and quality of service for children and young people including potential inadequate safeguarding SRR - Failure to achieve appropriate outcomes and quality of service for young people	Our people and communities Those who need support receive it when and where they need it	3
Education & Skills	Capital Programme	High	Review the planning, governance, and delivery of the capital	2021/22	CR23 – Potential implications of the Dedicated Schools Grant financial deficit SRR - Failure to be compliant with condition surveys in maintained schools	Our people and communities Those who need support receive it when and where they need it Skills are continually developed,	2

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			programme within the Children's Directorate, ensuring projects are on time, within budget, and aligned with strategic priorities.			and people can access lifelong learning	
Education & Skills	Adult Learning	Medium	Examine the effectiveness of adult learning programmes, ensuring they meet the needs of the community, provide value for money, comply with statutory requirements and address any skill gaps.	work undertaken 23/24 & 24/25)	CR16 – we may fail to secure or manage partnerships, miss out on associated funding and be unable to deliver services for communities	Our people and communities Skills are continually developed, and people can access lifelong learning	2
Education & Skills	The Priory Primary School	Medium	To ensure adequate financial Managementat maintained schools.	2022/23	CR02 - We may fail to achieve appropriate outcomes and quality of service for children and young people including potential inadequate safeguarding (H)	Our people and communities Skills are continually developed, and people can access lifelong learning	1
Education & Skills	St Joseph's Primary School	Medium	To ensure adequate financial Management at maintained schools.	2022/23	CR02 - We may fail to achieve appropriate outcomes and quality of service for children and young people including potential inadequate safeguarding (H)	Our people and communities Skills are continually developed, and people can access lifelong learning.	1
Education & Skills	Highcliffe St Mark Primary School	Medium	To ensure adequate financial Management at maintained	2022/23	CR02 - We may fail to achieve appropriate outcomes and quality of service for children and young people including potential inadequate safeguarding (H)	Our people and communities Skills are continually developed, and people can access lifelong learning.	3

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			schools.				
Education & Skills	St Edwards RC/CE VA School	Medium	To ensure adequate financial Managementat maintained schools.	2022/23	CR02 - We may fail to achieve appropriate outcomes and quality of service for children and young people including potential inadequate safeguarding (H)	Our people and communities Skills are continually developed, and people can access lifelong learning.	3
	Burton CE Primary School	Medium	To ensure adequate financial Managementat maintained schools.	2022/23	CR02 - We may fail to achieve appropriate outcomes and quality of service for children and young people including potential inadequate safeguarding (H)	Our people and communities Skills are continually developed, and people can access lifelong learning.	3
Quality, Improvement, Governance & Commissioning	Quality Assurance Framework	High	To ensure robust governance framework in place – to maintain and support continued improvement in Children's Services.	2022/23	CR02 - We may fail to achieve appropriate outcomes and quality of service for children and young people including potential inadequate safeguarding (H)	Our people and communities Those who need support receive it when and where they need it.	1
OPERATION	NS						
Operations (All Services)	Health & Safety (KAF) – all services in Operations (except investment & development)	Medium	Directorate KAF and requested assurance by Corporate Director	2024/25 (overview in Investment & Development)	H&S included in individual service risk registers	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	2
Operations (and other services)	Moveable Assets (Counter Fraud)	Medium	Part of Council's commitment to deterrence, prevention & detection of fraud.	Legacy council/s – various audits	FRR - Assets and / or data stolen / used for personal use	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	1

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Planning & Transport	Strategic CIL Governance Arrangements	High	To assess implementation of Cabinet agreed new strategic CIL approach.	2024/25	SRR - to be uploaded	Our place and environment People and places are connected by sustainable and modern infrastructure Revitalised high streets and regenerated key sites create new opportunities	4
Planning & Transport	Bus Subsidy Arrangements		To assess changes to bus subsidy arrangements to meet Council overall finance pressures.	Legacy audit/s – please note annual bus subsidy grant review undertaken every year	SRR - to be uploaded	Our place and environment People and places are connected by sustainable and modern infrastructure	2
Planning & Transport	Business Planning & Performance Management and Risk Management (KAF)	Medium	To review new service plan for 2025/26 and associated performance and risk arrangements	2022/23	SRR - to be uploaded	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy.	2
Planning & Transport	Concessionary Travel (Counter Fraud)		Part of Council's commitment to deterrence, prevention & detection of fraud. New combined travel pass process. Cases of fraudulent use identified.	2020/21	FRR - Gaining access to Concessionary travel using false or omitted information / fraudulent use of permit	Our place and environment People and places are connected by sustainable and modern infrastructure.	2
Commercial Operations	Seafront - Arrangements for compliance with planning -	High	To provide assurance correct planning consent obtained	Included as part of Bayside review	SRR - Events planning	Our place and environment Our communities have pride in our streets, neighbourhoods and public spaces	1

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	2024/25/26 Audit		following previous related investigation.	22/23/24		Our inclusive, vibrant and sustainable economy supports our communities to thrive	
Commercial Operations	Major Events Governance	High	To review new events framework due to be approved by Cabinet. To follow-up previous audit recs.	2022/23	SRR - Events planning	Our place and environment Our communities have pride in our streets, neighbourhoods and public spaces Our inclusive, vibrant and sustainable economy supports our communities to thrive	3
Commercial Operations	Asset Management (Facilities Management) - BCP Leisure Health & Safety Compliance	High	To review compliance concerns identified as part of leisure centres being brought back in-house.	N/A	SRR - Insourcing Leisure Centres on a 12 month basis	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy Our people and communities High quality of life for all, where people can be active, healthy and independent	4
Commercial Operations	Cash Income – Seafront Arcade (Counter Fraud)		Part of Council's commitment to deterrence, prevention & detection of fraud.	2024/25	FRR - Money due to the Council is intercepted	Our place and environment Our communities have pride in our streets, neighbourhoods and public spaces	2
Customer & Property Operations	Corporate Buildings Fire Safety (Core KAF)	High	Annual KAF. Recent amalgamation of arrangements for corporate & HRA buildings. Audit to include new governance arrangements and statutory compliance. Partial audit	2024/25 (follow up)	SRR - Potential failure in the health and safety and fire safety arrangements protecting staff, councillors and the public/visitors/contractors. (M) H&S/Fire RR - various, including: Lack of appointed and trained Local Fire Safety Coordinator (M); Failure to secure vacant properties to prevent trespass or fire risk (H); Lithium-ion batteries & electric-powered vehicles (H), Support & advice available to schools where BCP Council is the employer of management of	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	2

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			report for Fire Safety in Children's Services has potential wider implications.		building hazards		
Customer & Property Operations	Asset Management (Facilities Management) - BCP Homes Health & Safety Compliance (Core KAF)	High	To provide additional scrutiny for BCP Homes Board over facilities management health and safety arrangements.	2024/25	SRR -Failure to ensure an appropriate level of FM Compliance	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy Our people and communities Good quality homes are accessible, sustainable and affordable for all	3
Customer & Property Operations	In House Team Operating Model	Medium	To review new in-house repairs and maintenance team operating model and implementation.	New audit area	Emerging risk area	Our people and communities Good quality homes are accessible, sustainable and affordable for all	3
Customer & Property Operations	Libraries Strategy Implementation Governance Arrangements	Medium	To review new libraries strategy and implementation arrangements.	Library audit	SRR - Delivery of Financial savings to meet the 2024/25 budget pressures.	Our approach Providing accessible and inclusive services, showing care in our approach	4
Customer & Property Operations	Blue Badges (Counter Fraud)	Medium	Part of Council's commitment to deterrence, prevention & detection of fraud.	2021/22	Fraud RR - Use of a counterfeit / stolen / deceased / fraudulently obtained Blue Badge (M)	Our place and environment People and places are connected by sustainable and modern infrastructure.	1
Environment	Passenger Transport Operations	High	Reviewing Financial Management, governance	2022/23	SR - Home to School Transport. This service is inherently risky in that the Council has a duty of care to ensure that young people with a statutory entitlement (including those with additional vulnerability due to	Our people and communities Those who need support receive it when and where they need it	1

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			arrangements and links with other Service Directorates. Previous breach of Financial Regulations (c.£10m).		SEND) are transported to and from school safely and ready to learn (H), Home to Day Opportunities / Social Care Transport. This service is inherently risky because the Council has a duty of care to transport members of society vulnerable due to age, disability mental or physical, financial or other reasons on socially necessary journeys (H), The future of and equitable access to Community Transport in BCP. A service review is necessary to ensure a consistent offer is retained across BCP (H), Delay to the project to replace Passenger Transport KL2 software (H)		
Environment	Mortuary Service Digitalisation	Medium	To review digitalisation of services plans following recent low score following inspection on this area.	Mortuary audit 2024/25		Our approach Using data, insights and feedback to shape services and solutions	3
Investment & Development	Housing Acquisitions Programme (24/25/26 Audit)	High	To review programme governance arrangements following concerns over financial management.	New audit area	SRR - Achieve CNHAS target of 1000 homes by November 2026	Our people and communities Good quality homes are accessible, sustainable and affordable for all	1
Investment & Development	Business Continuity (Service KAF)	Medium	To review compliance with corporate requirements.	Overview in 2024/25	Emerging risk – new directorate	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	3
Investment & Development	Procurement (Service KAF)	Medium	To review compliance with corporate requirements.	Overview in 2024/25	SRR – numerous project/procurement related risks	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	4
RESOURCE	ES						
Finance	Social Services Financial	Hian	Annual KAF to ensure robust		SRR – Failure to prevent, detect and recover fraud / error (M)	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	1

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	Assessment (KFS)		financial controls in operation. Significant risk due to high level of costs associated with Social Care.		SRR – Financial Services Systems Failures (M) SRR - Weakness in Key Financial Systems (Failure of the CFO to understand weaknesses in Key Financial Systems) (M)		
Finance	Housing Benefit & Council Tax Reduction (KFS)		Annual KAF to ensure robust financial controls in operation. New system in operation.	2024/25	SRR – Failure to prevent, detect and recover fraud/error (M) SRR – Financial Services Systems Failures (M) SRR - Weakness in Key Financial Systems (Failure of the CFO to understand weaknesses in Key Financial Systems) (M)	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	1
Finance	Asset Management – Estate Management (Core KAF)	High	Annual KAF to ensure robust controls in operation over key Council assets (Land and Buildings). Significant area of spend income, depending on acquisition or disposal programme.	2024/25	CRR - Failure to comply with Asset Investment Strategy CRR - Lack of Corporate Asset Management Plan CRR - Lack of control and coordination in how we manage our assets (aspiration to move to a Corporate Landlord model) CRR - Land Terrier and Asset Register not being up to date	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy Our approach Using our resources sustainably to support our ambitions	4
Finance	Business Continuity (Core KAF)	High	Annual KAF to ensure organisational wide compliance with Emergency Planning and Business Continuity measures.	2024/25	Resilience Board Risk Register – various SRR - CORPORATE EMERGENCY PLANNING AND RESILIENCE	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	4

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			disruption and reputational damage.				
Finance	Financial Management (Core KAF)		Annual KAF to ensure robust financial controls in operation. Significant financial challenge increasing risk of this audit.	2024/25	CR09 – we may fail to maintain a safe and balanced budget for the delivery of services, and managing the MTFP SRR - FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF: a) Changes in Legislation, Government Policy etc and any reduction in Income as a Result of Changes to Fees and Charges b) Not accounting and planning for financial implications of changes in legislation, government policy, best practice and any reduction in income as a result of changes to fees and charges within the Council's overall financial strategy. Failure in MTFP financial planning for services in the medium to long term	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy Our approach Using our resources sustainably to support our ambitions	2
Finance	Health & Safety (Core KAF)	Medium	Annual KAF on the compliance within the organisation on Health and Safety matters. Significant risk of financial / reputational damage if non compliance found.	2024/25	Health & Safety Board Risk Register - various	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	3
Finance	Procurement (Core KAF)		Annual KAF on operation of the Procurement function, including compliance with laws and regulations.	2024/25	SRR - Failure to comply with the requirements of Public Contracts Regulations 2015, Concession Contracts Regulations 2016 or Procurement Act 2023. SRR - Procurement & Contract Management team failure to adequately support services and mitigate known generic risks wider than non-compliance with PA23.	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	3

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			spend areas (aside from commissioning), therefore key risk area.				
Finance	Risk Management (Core KAF)		Annual KAF on operation of Risk Management function, to ensure risks are being analysed and identified correctly, then reported. Issues with organisation not being aware of new risks facing it	2024/25	Core governance function	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	4
Finance	Council Tax (KFS)	High	Annual Key Financial System review. Councils key revenue source which requires regular assurance.	2024-25	SRR - WEAKNESS IN KEY FINANCIAL SYSTEMS a) Failure of the CFO to understand weaknesses in Key Financial Systems SRR - Implementation of new single Council Tax, Business Rates, Benefits and Bids system with integrated Workflow / Eforms and hosted in the Cloud SRR - Revenues income and compliance	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	1
Finance	NDR (KFS)	High	Annual Key Financial System review. Councils key revenue source which requires regular assurance.	2024/25	SRR - WEAKNESS IN KEY FINANCIAL SYSTEMS a) Failure of the CFO to understand weaknesses in Key Financial Systems SRR - Implementation of new single Council Tax, Business Rates, Benefits and Bids system with integrated Workflow / Eforms and hosted in the Cloud	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	2

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					SRR - Revenues income and compliance		
Finance	Debtors (KFS)	High	Annual Key Financial System review. Councils key revenue source which requires regular assurance.	2023/24	SRR - WEAKNESS IN KEY FINANCIAL SYSTEMS a) Failure of the CFO to understand weaknesses in Key Financial Systems SRR - Revenues income and compliance	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	3
Finance	Main Accounting System (KFS)	High	Annual Key Financial System Review. Significant financial impact if main account system not effectively controlled.	2023/24	CR09 – we may fail to maintain a safe and balanced budget for the delivery of services, and managing the MTFP SRR - FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF: a) Changes in Legislation, Government Policy etc and any reduction in Income as a Result of Changes to Fees and Charges b) Not accounting and planning for financial implications of changes in legislation, government policy, best practice and any reduction in income as a result of changes to fees and charges within the Council's overall financial strategy. Failure in MTFP financial planning for services in the medium to long term SRR - WEAKNESS IN KEY FINANCIAL SYSTEMS a) Failure of the CFO to understand weaknesses in Key Financial Systems	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy Our approach Using our resources sustainably to support our ambitions	2
Finance	Creditors (KFS)	High	Annual Key Financial System. After employee expenses, main source of spend is on suppliers and contracts. Essential to ensure this is well controlled.	2024/25	SRR - WEAKNESS IN KEY FINANCIAL SYSTEMS a) Failure of the CFO to understand weaknesses in Key Financial Systems	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	4

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Finance	Treasury Management (KFS)	Medium	Annual Key Financial System Review. Management of Council's loans and investments requires regular review. Significant investments undertaken.	2024/25	SRR - WEAKNESS IN KEY FINANCIAL SYSTEMS a) Failure of the CFO to understand weaknesses in Key Financial Systems SRR - Revenues income and compliance	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	4
Finance	Contract Payment – All Services (Counter Fraud)	High	Part of Council's commitment to deterrence, prevention & detection of fraud.	2024/25	FRR - Unfair award of contract to a supplier/incorrect payment made to suppliers SRR - Procurement & Contract Management team failure to adequately support services and mitigate known generic risks wider than non-compliance with PA23.	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	2
Finance\IT & Programmes	BACS Bureau	High	Key system for processing payments which has not been reviewed for some time. Potential to cause significant financial losses if not operating effectively.	Legacy Council	CR09 – Failure to maintain a balanced budget FRR – Access to key systems, theft and fraudulent payments SRR – Cyber Crimeillegal activities conducted using computers or networks	Our Approach Using data, insights and feedback to shape services and solutions.	1
IT & Programmes	Licensing	High	Significant cost of licensing in key systems, management of access to key systems through granting of licenses.	Legacy Council	CR09 – Failure to maintain a balanced budget FRR – Theft, access to key systems SRR – Cyber Security risks of licenses not correctly allocated.	Our Approach Using data, insights and feedback to shape services and solutions.	1
IT & Programmes	IT Equipment Asset Management	High	Significant cost of IT equipment and management	2022/23	CR09 – Failure to maintain a balanced budget FRR – Theft of portable and valuable equipment. SRR – Cyber Crime (including theft of assets)illegal	Our Approach Using data, insights and feedback to shape services and solutions.	4

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	(Service KAF)		of valuable assets that have been subject to theft in the past. Previous 'partial' audit opinion.		activitiesencompassing theft of BCP owned IT (inc. laptops)		
IT & Programmes	Application Development	High	Significant numbers of applications being developed by "citizen" developers around the organisation. Assurance required that they adhere to corporate requirements on data security, access, governance and integrity.	New audit area	Emerging risk area	Our Approach Using data, insights and feedback to shape services and solutions.	3
IT & Programmes	Guest WiFi Networks	Medium	Concerns noted on the security of Guest WiFi networks across council sites which could compromise secure networks if not effectively controlled.	New audit area	CR04 – We may suffer a loss or disruption to IT Systems and Networks from cyber attack SRR – Cyber Crime (including theft of assets)	Our Approach Using data, insights and feedback to shape services and solutions.	2
IT & Programmes	ICT (Core KAF)	Medium	Annual Key Assurance Function on the core provision of IT. This review may include reviewing organisational	2024/25	CR04 – We may suffer a loss or disruption to IT Systems and Networks from cyber attack SRR – various risks	Our Approach Using data, insights and feedback to shape services and solutions.	2

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			wide policies, security, assets and so forth. The scope will be informed by discussions with the service closers to commencement of the audit.				
IT & Programmes	Project & Programme Management (Core KAF)	Medium	Annual Key Assurance Function review on the corporate provision of Project Management support to the organisation. Risks of ineffective projects and lack of effective controls in place.	2024/25	SRR - Risk of including Construction Project Managers within the IT Programmes and Project Management (PPM) function.	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	2
People & Culture	Business Continuity (Service KAF)	Medium	To review Business Continuity arrangements within People & Culture. Including reviewing continuity arrangements for key systems such as Payroll	No previous coverage	SRR - Emergency Response and Business Continuity SRR - IT & Telecom outage or interruption of energy supply	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	2
People & Culture	Business Planning & Performance (Service KAF)	Medium	To review service planning within People & Culture to ensure realistic objectives have		Key assurance review	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	2

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			been set. Confirming that KPI's are in place to monitor achievement of those objectives.				
People & Culture	HR/ Payroll - Data Analytics	Medium	To be completed with Payroll KFS audit. Specific analytical work to be undertaken on Payroll data to ascertain anomalies or errors.	Data analytics = new audit area	SRR - Failure of Payroll system SRR - New Payroll system implementation project conflict with Pay & Reward implementation timescales	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	3
People & Culture	Human Resources (Core KAF)	ivieaium	Annual Key Assurance review on provision of core HR services, such as key policies, training, sickness management and so forth. Scope to be determined in liaison with	2024/25	Core key assurance review	Our approach Developing a passionate, proud. valued and diverse workforce Creating an environment for innovation, learning & leadership	3
People & Culture	Payroll (KFS)	Medium	Key Financial System audit to review main expenditure of Council funds. Potential high risk area due to spend on staffing.	2024/25	SRR - Failure of Payroll system SRR - New Payroll system implementation project conflict with Pay & Reward implementation timescales	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	3
Law & Governance	ICT (Service KAF)	Medium	To review key IT systems within Law & Governance due	Not previously reviewed	SRR - Failure to manage and handle confidential and/or personal information/loss of data/Failure to manage information to include adequate secure storage of such information	Our Approach Using data, insights and feedback to shape services and solutions.	2

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			to replacement of key system for management of legal cases.				
Law & Governance	Local Land Charges	Medium	To review process for processing of land charges and income gained from this services. Potential new systems in place which may increase risk.	2020/21	Not noted on SRR	Our place and environment Our inclusive, vibrant and sustainable economy supports our communities to thrive	3
Law & Governance	Officer Decision Records	High	To review how decisions are documented and if this is in line with Council policy. Potential significant decisions which are made should have sufficient supporting evidence to confirm why decisions made.	New audit area		Our approach Creating an environment for innovation, learning and leaders hip	2
Law & Governance	Information Governance (Core KAF)	High	Annual Key Assurance review on core provision of information governance compliance across the organisation. Audit like to review FOI process this	2024/25	Information Governance Risk Register - various	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	4

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			year.				
Marketing, Comms & Policy	Social Media Management	High	Key communication platform for the Council which, if not used correctly, can bring significant reputational damage to the Council.	New audit area	CR04 – Risk of Cyber attack SRR – Cyber Security risk if access was to be gained to social media systems which the Council has active. Significant potential reputational damage.	Our Approach Using data, insights and feedback to shape services and solutions.	1
Marketing, Comms & Policy	Human Resources (Service KAF)	Medium	To review HR process within Marketing, Comms and Policy to ensure that corporate policies are being complied with.	Not previously reviewed	Service key assurance review	Our approach Developing a passionate, proud. valued and diverse workforce Creating an environment for innovation, learning & leadership	3
Marketing, Comms & Policy	Business Planning & Performance Management (Core KAF)	Medium	To review corporate guidance and process for Service Planning and performance monitoring guidance issued to the organisation. Risk of Council not achieving wider objectives.	2024/25	SRR - Failure to report corporate performance to sufficient level/standard	Underpins delivery of Corporate Strategy	3
Marketing, Comms & Policy	Sustainable Environment (Core KAF)	High	To review progress made on the corporate objective of reducing the impact the	2024/25	CRR – Potential of climate change to outstrip our capability to adapt	Our place and environment Climate change is tackled through sustainable policies and practice	3

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			Council has on the environment.				
Marketing, Comms & Policy	Partnerships (Core KAF)	Medium	To review corporate guidance and arrangements for dealing with key partners the Council works with. Including managing the risks involved and how agreements are drawn up between parties.	2024/25	CR16 – we may fail to secure or manage partnerships, miss out on associated funding and be unable to deliver services for communities SRR - Partnerships Register & Governance	Our approach Working closely with partners, removing barriers and empowering others	3

Key: KAF – Key Assurance Function, KFS – Key Financial System