



Glasgow City Council

Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee

Report by Head of Audit and Inspection

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Item 8

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**Internal Audit report – 2021/22 ICT Assurance
Consideration of Exclusion of Public**

Purpose of Report

To advise members of a recent Internal Audit report and that the matter should be considered by committee in private.

Recommendations

It is recommended that, in order that the committee may consider the full report, the committee resolves, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public from the meeting as exempt information, as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A, is likely to be disclosed.

Ward No(s):

Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes No

consulted: Yes No

1. Introduction

- 1.1 A number of audit reviews have recently been undertaken in relation to the provision of IT services to the Council.
- 1.2 The scope of the audit work included information on service delivery and security controls.
- 1.3 The audit work identified a number of matters of significant concern. These relate to ICT service and contract management, and ICT security, and are currently impacting our overall control assessment for the Council. These will require to be reflected in our annual opinion, and in turn the Council's 2021/22 Annual Governance Statement. We have made 3 general high priority recommendations to management, which are in addition to the specific recommendations that have been agreed as part of each individual audit.

2. Consideration of Exclusion of Press and Public

- 2.1 The Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (which inserted new provisions into the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973) sets out the default position for committee reports and meetings, requiring that reports are published in advance and meetings are open to the public, unless certain conditions are met. A local authority may by resolution exclude the public from a meeting during consideration of an item of business whenever it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during consideration of that item of business there would be disclosure to them of exempt information. Exempt information under Schedule 7A of the Act includes (at paragraph 14) "Any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of a crime." The action required by management detailed in the full report is deemed to be important in order to prevent cyber-related criminal activity against the Council.
- 2.2 It is therefore recommended that the full internal audit report is considered by the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee with press and public excluded.

3 Policy and Resource Implications

Resource Implications:

<i>Financial:</i>	None
<i>Legal:</i>	The contents of this report are based on advice given by the Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council
<i>Personnel:</i>	None
<i>Procurement:</i>	None

Council Strategic Plan: n/a

Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2017-22 n/a

What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report? (no significant impact, positive impact or negative impact)

Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage. n/a

Sustainability Impacts:

Environmental: None

Social, including Article 20 opportunities: None

Economic: None

Privacy and Data Protection impacts: None

4 Recommendations

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