

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Executive

Corporate and Efficient Governance Committee : 30 January 2008

Subject: Outstanding Actions from Audit Reports

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To advise the Committee of outstanding actions from Audit reports as reported to the Audit & Performance Review Committee on 12 December 2007.

2. Background

- 2.1** The Audit & Performance Review Committee took a decision to request that a report on the two outstanding actions, included as Appendices, be brought to this Committee for consideration.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** Internal Audit reported in July 2007 that there were security issues in relation to the changing of passwords in the Housing Benefit System. As at the Audit & Performance Review Committee of 12 December 2007 this item remained outstanding. Management have advised that the problem is caused by a software bug which will be resolved by the software supplier in the summer of 2008 when a new version of the software will be available. This item is attached as Appendix A.
- 3.2** External Audit reported in September 2007 that there were security issues in relation to the Payroll System access control. As at the Audit & Performance Review Committee of 12 December 2007 this item remained outstanding. Management have advised that Finance and ICT & Business Development have completed their review and are now working towards a managed handover of responsibilities. There is now a target date for implementation of 30 January 2008. This item is attached as Appendix B.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1** There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1** There are no financial implications.

6. Risk Analysis

- 6.1** There is a risk that failure to implement actions contained in Audit Reports results in losses from the weaknesses identified in the Council's System of Internal Control.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1** Responsible Officers need to continue working towards a timely resolution of the outstanding actions.

8. Recommendations

- 8.1** The Committee is requested to note this report.

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Appendix: Excerpts from Audit Action Plans as reported to
Audit & Performance Review Committee on 12
December 2007.

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All wards