

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

**MONITORING REPORT / ACTION LIST
2024-25**

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Ref	Date	Report	Action	To be actioned by	Outcome
1.	31.07.24	Annual Report from Audit Committee to Council	The Chair and officers discuss further how to develop the skills of members to improve the overall effectiveness of the Audit Committee.	Chair/K. McDonald	Keep action open until training has been completed.
2.	31.07.24	Group Audit Committee: Update on Internal Audit work in relation to active group entities	The terms of reference and outcomes of the Local Partnerships review of governance arrangements for wholly owned companies to be shared with the Audit Committee.	J. Willis	This work is in progress and will be reported to the Committee when complete. Now expected to come to the March meeting.
3.	28.08.24	Statement of Accounts 2022-23	Officers report to a future meeting on the progress being made with Borderlands projects.	J. Willis	A report was considered by Corporate Services and Economic Growth Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 25 November 2024. A further update to members will be provided once discussions with Government about a potential reset had been concluded.

WORK PROGRAMME

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ISSUE

27 March 2025

Internal Audit, Risk Management & Corporate Fraud

- Strategic Audit Plan 2024/25
- Annual Audit Committee Work Programme
- Annual Review of Audit Committee Effectiveness

Corporate Finance

- Group Boundary Review 2024/25
- Draft Annual Governance Statement 2024/25
- Local Partnerships Report
- 2024-25 Leases Accounting Policy
- Consideration of 'Going Concern Status' for the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

External Audit

- Progress Update Report

Reports from Other Service Areas

- Adults and Children's Services - review of external inspection reports

MEETING DATES TO BE CONFIRMED/SCHEDULED

- Monitor any impacts from recent changes within Adult Social Care and wider NHS changes where/when appropriate.

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