

Report to: Audit Committee

Date of meeting: 22 November 2024

By: Chief Operating Officer

Title: Audit Committee Oracle Subgroup Update

Purpose: To provide an update to the Audit Committee of the Oracle Subgroup's most recent update

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to note that the Committee's Oracle Subgroup has regularly reviewed the Council's Oracle Implementation programme.

1 Background

- 1.1 The Committee at its meeting in September 2021 approved the establishment of a Subgroup to provide oversight of progress with the Oracle implementation programme, seeking assurance that the programme is performing adequately.
- 1.2 The Oracle Implementation Programme was established by the County Council in 2019. Prompted by the expected expiry of support for the Council's existing Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software, SAP, the vision for Oracle is 'to implement a suite of back-office systems that best meet the current and future needs of the Council and which provides optimal return on investment'.

2 Supporting information

Work of the Subgroup

- 2.1 Following Councillor Lunn's appointment to the Audit Committee in May 2024, Councillor Lunn expressed an interest in joining the Committee's Oracle Subgroup and was invited by the Chair of the Subgroup to become the fourth member of the Subgroup.
- 2.2 The Subgroup met again in November 2024 and a note of the meeting is attached at Appendix 1. The focus of the meeting was on the progress since the Subgroup meeting in June 2024 and the activity being undertaken to implement Phase 2 of the programme.
- 2.3 The delivery plan, progress and key risks report from the Oracle Programme were discussed. The Subgroup noted and endorsed the delivery approach, and recognised the progress made as well as the remaining risks. The report is included in Appendix 2.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 3.1 The Committee is recommended to note that the Committee's Oracle Subgroup reviewed the Council's Oracle programme in November 2024 to its satisfaction and continues to receive regular updates.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None