DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Item 26/49

MEETING	Finance & Audit Committee
DATE OF MEETING	2 December 2026
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Internal Audit Progress report
STATUS OF REPORT	For open publication
PURPOSE OF REPORT	To note and review
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	This report provides Members with an update on the progress of work against the outstanding Internal Audit recommendations. Positive progress continues to be made against the recommendations identified. Detail on progress is provided within Appendix A - Audit Improvement Plan Activities.
RISK ASSESSMENT	The risk to the Authority continues to be well managed.
COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	None for the purposes of this report
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT	None for the purposes of this report
BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	None for the purposes of this report
RECOMMENDATIONS	Members are asked to review and note the progress made.
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None for the purposes of this report
APPENDIX	Appendix A - Audit Improvement Plan Activities
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1 Introduction

1.1 At each meeting the Authority's Internal Auditors present their findings following an agreed programme of quarterly audits.

1.2 To support this, the Auditor's findings are aligned to improvement activities to strengthen and resolve the identified issues, and these form the basis of the Service's Audit Improvement Plan.

1.3 This report contains progress against each of the recommendations that have been agreed following the audits.

2 Improvement areas

2.1 None of the recommended improvements have been judged to represent a significant risk to the Authority.

2.2 As previously agreed, once considered by Members, those activities from the previous quarter's report, which have been reported as complete, will be removed from subsequent reports.

2.3 Any recommendations that were outstanding following the previous meeting are recorded within Appendix A, Audit Improvement Plan Activities, where details of the Service's progress have been set out.

2.4 The Service continues to review audit improvement activities and provides a focus on those reported with delays, to ensure appropriate support is provided for their successful delivery.

3 Summary and key points

3.1 Recommendations that have been completed since the meeting of September 2026 are detailed within Appendix A - Audit Improvement Plan Activities.

3.2 The Finance & Audit Committee will receive an updated report at the next meeting in March 2027.