

Audit and Risk Assurance Committee, 14 September 2022

Matters Arising

Executive summary and recommendations

Attached is an actions list as agreed at the last public meeting of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee.

9 June 2022		
1	<p>Item 7. Strategic Risk Register (report ref: ARAC 13/22)</p> <p>7.4 The Committee noted the need to review strategic risk five in light of the findings of the Internal Audit review of key financial controls.</p>	<p>Executive:</p> <p>The scoring was reviewed and presented to July Council</p>
2	<p>Item 7. Strategic Risk Register (report ref: ARAC 13/22)</p> <p>7.6 The Committee asked that more detail on mitigations planned to facilitate any rise in fees be added to strategic risk 4.</p>	<p>Executive:</p> <p>The mitigations were reviewed and presented to July Council</p>
3	<p>Item 9.i Audit planning report – Year end 31 March 2022 (report ref: ARAC 15/22)</p> <p>9.i.5 The Committee noted the challenging timeline outlined and the risk of slippage should issues arise. The Committee agreed that a fall-back Committee meeting in early October 2022 should be arranged as a mitigation.</p>	<p>Executive:</p> <p>It has been confirmed with the Chair of ARAC that the annual report and accounts and external audit report will be pushed back to October. An extra Committee has been confirmed for 12 October 2022.</p>
4	<p>Item 10. HCPC Audit planning and update of recommendations (report ref: ARAC 17/22)</p> <p>10.6 The Committee asked for clarity on whether the HCPC's process enabled applicants to be registered without payment being made. The Executive agreed to review this and report back.</p>	<p>Executive:</p> <p>Provided individuals are processing applications based on HCPC's process, applicants cannot be registered without receipt of payment.</p>

5	<p>Item 11. Capital Expenditure Policy (report ref: ARAC 18/22)</p> <p>11.2 The Committee noted that the HCPC's approach to capitalisation was reviewed in 2021 and asked whether the Executive were confident that the change in policy would not result in unintended consequences as a result of recategorisation of expenditure. The Head of Finance noted that there remained some uncertainties around major project expenditure. The Committee requested an update on the extent and impact of the reallocation of expense between capital and operating expenditure as a result of the new policy</p>	<p>Executive:</p> <p>Based on the new policy to reclassify spend, previous costs that related to capital expenditure have now been reassigned as operational expenditure. Total costs that have been reclassified come to circa £126k.</p>
6	<p>Item 11. Capital Expenditure Policy (report ref: ARAC 18/22)</p> <p>11.4 The NAO asked if there was any potential for the new policy to depart from FReM standards. The Executive responded that this was not expected but agreed to review this.</p>	<p>Executive:</p> <p>Policy does not deviate from FReM standards.</p>
7	<p>Item 13. Internal audit recommendations tracker (report ref: ARAC 22/22)</p> <p>13.2 The Committee requested that due dates for actions not be revised, in order to better track delays against original commitments. Revised dates can be included in the progress update column.</p>	<p>Executive:</p> <p>Completed. The updated tracker is a standing item and included for September's Committee meeting.</p>

Decision

The Committee is requested to note the document. No decision is required.

Background information

Please refer to individual papers and minutes for the background to decisions.

Resource implications

None

Financial implications

None.

Appendices

None.

Date of paper

7 September 2022