

<b>REPORT REFERENCE NO.</b>	<b>AGC/22/17</b>
<b>MEETING</b>	<b>AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	<b>29 NOVEMBER 2022</b>
<b>SUBJECT OF REPORT</b>	<b>HIS MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF CONSTABULARY &amp; FIRE &amp; RESCUE SERVICES (HMICFRS) AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN UPDATE</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER</b>	<b>Deputy Chief Fire Officer</b>
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	<i>That the Committee reviews progress in delivery of the action plan.</i>
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	<p>On Wednesday 27th July 2022 HMICFRS published the Devon &amp; Somerset Fire &amp; Rescue Service (DSFRS) 2022 inspection report. The inspection report identified one Cause of Concern and 14 Areas for Improvement (AFIs). Of these AFIs, four have been linked to the Audit and Governance Committee.</p> <p>The paper appended to this report outlines the progress that has been made against the HMICFRS Areas for Improvement action plan during October 2022. The key highlights are that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery of the Areas for Improvement action plan is on track.</li> </ul>
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	Considered within the Action Plan where appropriate.
<b>EQUALITY RISKS AND BENEFITS ANALYSIS</b>	Considered within the Action Plan where appropriate.
<b>APPENDICES</b>	Appendix A: HMI Audit and Governance Committee Update
<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>	None

**HMICFRS ACTION PLAN – AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 HMICFRS published the DSFRS 2022 inspection report. The inspection report identified one Cause of Concern and 14 Areas for Improvement (AFIs).

This report provides an update on the Areas For Improvement action plan that has been produced following the inspection, which concluded in October 2021.

**2. AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT ACTION PLAN COMPLETION STATUS**

Table 1 lists the Areas for Improvement linked to the Audit and Governance Committee and their individual implementation status.

**Table 1:**

Reference	Description	Target Completion Date	Status
HMI-1.1-202202	The service should make sure its integrated risk management plan includes clear outcomes that show the public how it is currently mitigating risk.	31/12/2023	In Progress (On Track)
HMI-1.3-202205	The service should make sure it has an effective quality assurance process, so staff carry out audits and fire safety checks to an appropriate standard.	30/09/2023	In Progress (On Track)
HMI-2.2-202207a	Prevention and Protection – The service should be aware of, and invest in, developments in technology and future innovation to help improve and sustain operational efficiency and effectiveness.	30/04/2025	In Progress (On Track)
HMI-2.2-202207b	Response – The service should be aware of, and invest in, developments in technology and future innovation to help improve and sustain operational efficiency and effectiveness.	31/10/2023	Not Started (On Track)

Table 2 below outlines the completion status of all actions designed to address the Areas for Improvement linked to the Audit and Governance Committee.

Table 2: Summary of progress against the 19 individual actions					
Areas For Improvement (Audit and Governance Committee)					
Not started (on track)	Not started (off track)	In progress (on track)	In progress (off track)	Completed	Closed
12	0	7	0	0	0

\* Please note that 4 of the actions which have not yet started are the evidence and assurance required once all other actions have been completed.