


AUDIT AND RISK ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

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Subject:	Cyber Security Update
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Audit and Risk Assurance Committee:

1. Reviews and comments upon the latest Cyber Security update.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update members of the Committee on the council's strategic risk related to cyber and information security.

2 IMPLICATIONS FOR SANDWELL'S VISION

- 2.1 The Audit and Risk Assurance Committee helps strengthen the risk, governance and internal control environment.

3 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 In November 2018 a cyber security update was provided to the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee. It was agreed for regular updates to be presented to the Committee to provide assurance that the Council's core ICT estate is protected from cyber-attacks.
- 3.2 The Committee will receive a presentation, detailing the measures in place to protect the authority. It is necessary for the presentation to be given in private session as making this information public could expose the Council's vulnerabilities and increase the risk of a cyber-attack.

4 THE CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The report does not require a decision and therefore, no position analysis is necessary.

5 CONSULTATION (CUSTOMERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS)

- 5.1 Not required.

6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 The report does not require a decision and therefore, alternative options do not need to be considered.

7 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no direct financial and resource implications arising from this report.

8 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 Cyber and information security is an essential component in ensuring compliance with GDPR and specifically the principle of ensuring information is "kept safe and secure".

9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

9.1 It was not necessary to undertake an Equality Impact Assessment.

10 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

10.1 It was not necessary to undertake a Data Protection Impact Assessment. Data gathered during audit reviews is used and retained in accordance with current legislative requirements.

11 CRIME AND DISORDER AND RISK ASSESSMENT

11.1 There are no direct risk implications arising from this report.

12 SUSTAINABILITY OF PROPOSALS

12.1 There are no direct sustainability issues arising from this report.

13 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOCIAL VALUE)

13.1 There are no direct health and wellbeing implications from this report.

14 IMPACT ON ANY COUNCIL MANAGED PROPERTY OR LAND

14.1 There is no direct impact on any council managed property or land from this report.

15 CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

15.1 The purpose of the report is to inform the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee of the activity carried out since November 2018 to ensure the Council's core ICT estate is protected from cyber-attacks.

16 BACKGROUND PAPERS

16.1 None.

17 APPENDICES:

17.1 None.

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