

# Audit and Governance Committee

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

**Agenda No:**

<b>Title of Report:</b>	Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Services (GFRS) Internal Audit Follow Up – Progress Report 2020/21
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	<p>The purpose of this report is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide assurance to the Audit and Governance Committee that the Internal Audit recommendations made in relation to the independent investigation of GFRS have been / are being addressed; and</li><li>• Inform Members of the progress of GFRS Internal Audit Follow Up activity undertaken up to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020.</li></ul>
<b>Recommendations:</b>	It is recommended that the Audit and Governance Committee reviews and considers the actions taken to address the recommendations made and progress to date.
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<b>Key Risks</b>	<p>Failure to deliver an effective Internal Audit Service will prevent an independent, objective assurance opinion to be provided to those charged with governance that the key risks associated with the achievement of the Council's objectives are being adequately controlled.</p> <p>Failure to deliver an effective corporate governance framework prevents GFRS and the Council in directing and controlling its resources effectively and efficiently, to enable their priorities and objectives to be met.</p>