

Summary of Member Comments and Chief Executive Response

(ref Audit Committee 17 October 2022)

Please note that these comments reflect individual Committee member contributions rather than a resolution of the Committee.

ISSUE	RESPONSE
Greater transparency on areas within the AGS where overall objectives and actions were not wholly or partly met	<p>To be noted by the Chief Executive for 2021/22 AGS and subsequent drafts</p> <p>This objective is now made explicate and published in the Scope of Responsibility section of the AGS (ref Page 1 para 1.4)</p>
Officer attendance at Committee	The Chief Executive wrote to all members (ref 10 August 2021) clarifying the issue of officers' attendance at all Council Committees
Deferral of Stakeholder Seminar and transparency of the approval of Trading Company Business Plans in accordance with published timetable	Amendments to final draft (ref Page 23 Section 5; Page 9 Principle C and Page 11/12 Principle D)
Lack of transparency on the outcome of the Audit related to Contract register	The agreed actions following the audit were completed, the overdue action closed and the Contracts Register up-dated as necessary
Approval of Invoices over £50,000	Procedures within the Finance Team were improved in 2022/23 and the sample testing as part of the 2022/23 Audit identified that in all cases where the authorisation was known, these had been authorised by a Director or the Section 151 Officer

