



**Glasgow City Council**

**Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee**

**Report by Head of Audit and Inspection**

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**Item 4**

**20th May 2026**

**Internal Audit reports  
Consideration of Exclusion of Public**

**Purpose of Report**

To advise members of the following recent Internal Audit reports and that the matters should be considered by committee in private:

- Corporate review – Cyber Incident Lessons Learned
- Chief Executive’s Department – ICT Security Model

**Recommendations**

It is recommended that, in order that the committee may consider the full reports, the committee resolves, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public from the meeting as exempt information, as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A, is likely to be disclosed.

**Ward No(s):**

Citywide:

Local member(s) advised: Yes  No       consulted: Yes  No

## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 Internal Audit has carried out the following reviews as part of the agreed internal audit plan:
- Corporate review – Cyber Incident Lessons Learned
  - Chief Executive’s – ICT Security Model
- 1.2 The scope of the Cyber Incident Lessons learned audit was to ensure that appropriate actions have been taken following the Cyber Incident that occurred in June 2025. This included root cause analysis, actions taken to prevent a recurrence and progress made against the resulting lessons learned.
- 1.3 The audit has concluded that, based on the work undertaken, the Council dealt with the incident in a managed and appropriate manner with systems restored in a reasonable timeframe. The audit has identified scope for improvement in the existing arrangements and four recommendations have been made.
- 1.4 The scope of the ICT Security Model review was to ensure there are sufficient and appropriate controls in place to allow effective coordination between Digital Services, the Managed Security Service Provider and the other Managed Service Providers.
- 1.5 The audit has concluded that based on the audit work undertaken that a reasonable level of assurance can be placed upon the control environment. The audit has identified some scope for improvement in the existing arrangements and four recommendations have been made.

## **2 Consideration of Exclusion of Press and Public**

- 2.1 The Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 (which inserted new provisions into the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973) sets out the default position for committee reports and meetings, requiring that reports are published in advance and meetings are open to the public, unless certain conditions are met. A local authority may by resolution exclude the public from a meeting during consideration of an item of business whenever it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during consideration of that item of business there would be disclosure to them of exempt information. Exempt information under Schedule 7A of the Act includes (at paragraph 14) “Any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of a crime.” The action required by management detailed in the full reports is deemed to be important in order to mitigate against cyber-related criminal activity against the Council.
- 2.2 It is therefore recommended that the full internal audit reports are considered by the Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee with press and public excluded.

### 3 Policy and Resource Implications

#### Resource Implications:

*Financial:* None

*Legal:* The contents of this report are based on advice given by the Director of Legal and Administration

*Personnel:* None

*Procurement:* None

**Council Strategic Plan:** n/a

#### Equality and Socio-Economic Impacts:

*Does the proposal support the Council's Equality Outcomes 2017-22* n/a

*What are the potential equality impacts as a result of this report?* (no significant impact, positive impact or negative impact)

*Please highlight if the policy/proposal will help address socio economic disadvantage.* n/a

#### Sustainability Impacts:

*Environmental:* None

*Social, including Article 20 opportunities:* None

*Economic:* None

**Privacy and Data Protection impacts:** None

## **4 Recommendations**

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