

Finance and Audit Scrutiny Committee 23rd October 2024 Enquiries from Elected Members	
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	Responses to Questions
Item 1	Responses to questions from 18th September 2024.
Question 1	Councillor Brown – Response to item 1, Question 1 of the Questions and Answers from previous meeting – Councillor Brown requested further clarification in relation to the operational impact on the Commercial Noise Team due to changes made as part of the service reform budget.
Answer	NRS officers will follow up with Councillor Brown to discuss this enquiry further.
Item 1	Responses to questions from 18th September 2024.
Question 2	Councillor Brown – Response to item 3, Question 2 of the Questions and Answers from previous meeting – Councillor Brown requested further information in relation to why the property at 33 Riverford Road, within the commercial portfolio had been vacant since May 2015 and also requested clarification on when it would be marketed for sale.
Answer	The property at 33 Riverford Road has been marketed and is under offer with legals close to conclusion. The history of the property has been reported in the regular update reports but in summary, it became vacant in 2015 but due to the state of repair it took time to get to a lettable condition which was in 2017 when it was marketed. An offer was received at that time but took significant time to progress through delays from both the prospective tenant and the council but also a dependency on planning. Ultimately planning was refused after an appeals process and the offer was withdrawn in 2022. Thereafter an assessment of the property identified further works which delayed the remarketing until the end of 2023.
Item 3	Internal audit Follow up reports.
Question 3	Councillor Brown – In relation to Appendix B, RAG, there are 8 properties that still required to be surveyed in April 2024. What action is being taken to ensure that the Council is getting the progress they need.
Answer	The service has confirmed that all in-scope properties have now been surveyed, and only the buildings previously noted were found to have RAAC. One of these buildings is closed, and the contractor is progressing work on the other.

This paper will be considered at the start of the committee agenda however requests for clarification on the answers can be made via the committee clerk in advance of the committee meeting.