

Meeting of:	Governance and Audit Committee
Date of Meeting:	Monday, 17 July 2023
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Performance and Resources
Report Title:	Stanwell School Capital Project Update
Purpose of Report:	To provide members of the Governance and Audit Committee with a verbal update in respect of the initial findings of the additional audit work undertaken in respect of the capital project at the school
Report Owner:	Head of the Regional Internal Audit Service
Responsible Officer:	Head of the Regional Internal Audit Service
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	No Elected Members have been consulted. Legal Services and Head of Finance
Policy Framework:	The proposals in this report are in accordance with the policy framework and budget

Executive Summary:

• The findings of the Stanwell School audit report were discussed at Governance and Audit Committee on 12th June 2023 as part of the Annual Internal Audit Report 2022/23

- As a result, the Committee recommended that further, more detailed work with regards to the capital project was required as a matter of urgency
- The Auditors visited the school and spoke to relevant personnel with regards to the project at the school on 19th June 2023. Additional documentation was also obtained onsite and via email since this date.
- A report is being compiled but a verbal update will be given at the meeting of the findings to date.

Recommendations

1. Members of the Governance and Audit Committee are asked to note the update provided.

Reasons for Recommendations

2. To keep the Governance and Audit Committee informed

1. Background

- **1.1** The findings of the Stanwell School audit report were discussed at Governance and Audit Committee on 12th June 2023 as part of the Annual Internal Audit Report 2022/23.
- **1.2** As a result, the Committee recommended that further, more detailed work with regards to the capital project was required as a matter of urgency.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- **2.1** The Auditors visited the school and spoke to relevant personnel with regards to the project at the school on 19th June 2023. Additional documentation was also obtained onsite and via email since this date.
- **2.2** A report is being compiled but a verbal update will be given at the meeting of the findings to date.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

3.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

4. Climate Change and Nature Implications

4.1 None as a consequence of this report.

5. Resources and Legal Considerations

<u>Financial</u>

5.1 To ensure that the Council funds and resources are used appropriately.

Employment

5.2 There is no resource impact.

Legal (Including Equalities)

5.3 Public Service organisations have a responsibility to embed effective standards for countering fraud, corruption and bribery into the organisations. This supports good governance and demonstrates effective financial stewardship and strong public financial management.

6. Background Papers

None