

**Bridgend County Borough Council – Outstanding Recommendations at 31st December 2022**

Audit	Recommendation	Category	Agreed Action	Date	Current Position
Direct Payments	Surplus funds should be recovered by raising invoices via the Council's financial system	Low	The Director of Social Services and Wellbeing is currently leading a Project Group to review the DP protocol and practice guidance. One of the considerations is around the use of surplus funding and whether clients should be able to use these funds to support other outcomes, and how this would be administered. This may result in the DP Team no longer reclaiming funds. It is planned that any changes to existing guidance will be agreed by 30th November. Once the outcome of this review has been completed, the recommendation will be reviewed. Any financial implications will be reported as part of the Council's budget setting process.	30th November 2022	Confirmation requested by RIAS that if a decision is made to recover surplus funds this will be done by invoicing via the Council's financial system rather than any other method. Awaiting confirmation from the Department.
Good Governance & Risk Management	<p>The three outstanding actions from the AGS should be monitored and addressed within an agreed timescale.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The review of the Code of Corporate Governance is in progress but has not been completed.</li> <li>2. A third party has been commissioned to undertake a digital maturity assessment and decisions on how to address cyber security management will depend on the outcome of this report.</li> <li>3. Future working models are still being developed and are not yet fully embedded.</li> </ol>	Medium	The three outstanding actions will be monitored and addressed within the agreed timescale.	1st December 2022	<p>Action point 1 is partially implemented awaiting formal Cabinet for approval on 7th February</p> <p>Action Point 2 is superseded by cyber security audit recommendations</p> <p>Action Point 3 is implemented</p>