

Title of meeting: Governance & Audit & Standards Committee

Date of meeting: 2 February 2018

Subject: Data Security Breach Report

Report by: Michael Lawther, City Solicitor/Senior Information Risk Owner

Wards affected: All

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

To inform the Committee of any Data Security Breaches and actions agreed/taken since the last meeting.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that Members of the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee note the breaches (by reference to Exempt Appendix A) that have arisen and the action determined by the Corporate Information Governance Panel (CIGP).

3. Background

The Corporate Information Governance Panel, formed of representatives from across the authority and chaired by Michael Lawther in the role of Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO) meets every other month to

- establish policy and procedures for Information Governance;
- maintain a log of data breaches and determine and monitor onward action.

The Senior Information Risk Owner will update the Committee on any ongoing breaches and notify the members of any new incidents.

4. Reasons for recommendations

To ensure the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee has an oversight of the Data Security Breaches to be able to determine whether any trends appear and any further actions should be recommended.

5. Equality impact assessment

An equality impact assessment is not required as the recommendation does not have a negative impact on any of the protected characteristics as described in the Equality Act 2010.

6. Legal implications

The Council is required to ensure that it has robust procedures in place to comply with its obligations under the Data Protection Act. Bringing this report to the Committee's attention will assist in meeting those requirements.

7. Director of Finance's comments

The ICO can issue fines of up to £500,000 for serious breaches of the Data Protection Act and Privacy and Electronic Communications Regulations. The size of any monetary penalty is determined by the Commissioner taking into account the seriousness of the breach and other factors such as the size, financial and other resources of the data controller. Any breaches put the City Council at risk of the unbudgeted cost of a financial penalty which would have to be met from the service responsible for the breach.

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Signed by:

Appendices: One Exempt Appendix

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
None	