North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service (NYFRS) - Internal Audit Update Report

1. Overview

1.1. This document provides the Independent Audit Committee with a status update on the delivery of NYFRS's actions arising from Internal Audit inspections.

1.2. As of 22 May 2025, 17 actions are 'live'. Of these:

- Six are in progress and on target. These actions will continue to be monitored by the Service, with regular updates provided by their owners through the Risk and Assurance Board.
- 11 are now overdue. These are being closely monitored through the Risk and Assurance Board, with further detail provided at section two on the remaining work underway to ensure the actions are delivered in full.

	Assignment	Actions Agreed				Total	Status
		L	M	H	Suggestion		
17/11/2022	Fleet Management		1			1	Partial Assurance
20/03/2024	Estates Management	1	1			2	Minimal Assurance
29/08/2024	Asset Management	1	1	4		6	Minimal Assurance
29/08/2024	Security Policy Framework		1	1		2	Minimal Assurance
11/11/2024	Misconduct	1	1			2	Reasonable Assurance
06/01/2025	Data Quality		2			2	Partial Assurance
16/01/2025	Health and Safety			2		2	Partial Assurance
		3	7	7	0	17	

Breakdown of all live actions

1.3. There are also 58 'high' and 'medium' priority actions marked as closed, pending RSM follow up. 36 of these have been considered in the most recent Follow Up Audit.

1.4. Since the previous Independent Audit Committee meeting, the Safeguarding and Follow Up Audits have been completed. As these reports are still in draft, new management actions have not yet been added to the tracker, and those confirmed as closed have not yet been archived.

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2. Overdue Actions

2.1. The table below shows the breakdown of overdue actions:

Breakdown of overdue actions							
	Assignment	Actions Agreed				Total	Status
		L	M	H	Suggestion		
20/03/2024	Estates Management	1	1			2	Minimal Assurance
29/08/2024	Asset Management	1	1	3		5	Minimal Assurance
29/08/2024	Security Policy Framework		1	1		2	Minimal Assurance
06/01/2025	Data Quality		2			2	Partial Assurance
		2	5	4	0	11	

2.2. Further detail on the progress against the delivery of these actions is included below:

2.2.1. Estates Management: the two overdue actions relate to the current facilities management contract. The Service is in the later stages of procuring a new contract, and the actions will be fully implemented once the new contract is in place.

2.2.2. Asset Management: two of the overdue actions relate to the completion of a new Equipment Strategy for the Service. This new strategy goes beyond the management actions set, but the additional work has been commissioned to ensure the associated risk is most effectively mitigated. This is due for approval at the Senior Leadership Board meeting in June. The remaining overdue actions require system changes to the Asset Management System. Discussions have progressed with the supplier and work is underway to implement the system changes needed.

2.2.3. Security Policy Framework: one action is dependent on the completion of a policy amendment, with the additional wording agreed and the final approval of the updated policy planned for the next Safeguarding Compliance Meeting in early July. The second action is dependent on the launch of a new process for managing leavers, which is due to go live at the end of May 2025.

2.2.4. Data Quality: the two overdue actions align to the completion of a new Data Strategy for the Service. This document is in final draft stage and is due for approval at the Senior Leadership Board meeting in June.

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3. Current and Planned Audit Activity

3.1. Planned upcoming audit activity is listed below:

Audit	Date
Safeguarding (2024/25)	Audit complete, final report due
Follow up (2024/25)	Audit complete, final report due
Code of Ethics	Underway May 2025

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