Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of Audit and Governance Committee held on 22 July 2026

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7	**Housing Management Complaints Report** Report of Assistant Director Wellbeing and Housing. **Purpose of report** To provide the Committee with an annual report relating to housing complaints performance, in accordance with the Housing Ombudsman's Complaints Handling Code. **Recommendations** The Audit and Governance Committee resolves: 1.1 To note the content of the report and appendices. The appendices, including the Complaints Handling Code self-assessment, will be published on the Council's website and will form the basis of the Council's return to the Housing Ombudsman for 2025-26.	**Resolved** (1) That the report and appendices be noted and it be further noted that the appendices, including the Complaints Handling Code self-assessment, would be published on the Council's website and would form the basis of the Council's return to the Housing Ombudsman for 2025-26.
8	**Housing Benefit Subsidy Audit 2022/23** Report of Assistant Director of Finance (S151 Officer). **Purpose of report** To provide members of this Committee with an update on the final position of the Housing Benefit	**Resolved** (1) That the Housing Benefit Subsidy Audit 2022/23 Report be noted.

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	subsidy claim audit for the financial year 2022/23. **Recommendations** Audit and Governance Committee resolves: 1.1 To note the contents of this report	
9	**Annual Governance Statement 2025-26** Report of Assistant Director Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer. **Purpose of report** The report sets out the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for the Council for 2025-26 for approval. The AGS summarises the key governance issues for the Council and the actions required to address these. The AGS is required to be approved by those charged with governance, the Audit and Governance Committee (previously Accounts, Audit & Risk Committee), under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. **Recommendations** The Audit and Governance Committee resolves: 1.1 To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2025-26, subject to any changes by the Monitoring Officer. 1.2 To authorise the Portfolio Holder for Finance, as the Leader of the Council for the year to which the Statement relates, and the Chief Executive, to sign the Annual Governance Statement on behalf of Cherwell District	**Resolved** (1) That the Annual Governance Statement 2025-26 be approved. (2) That the Portfolio Holder for Finance, as Leader of the Council for the year to which the Statement related, and the Chief Executive be authorised to sign the Annual Governance Statement on behalf of Cherwell District Council.

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10	**Treasury Management Report - Quarter 1 2026/27** Report of Assistant Director of Finance (S151 Officer). **Purpose of report** To provide information on treasury management performance and compliance with treasury management policy for 2026-27 as required by the Treasury Management Code of Practice. To demonstrate that all treasury management activities undertaken during the reporting period complied with the CIPFA Code of Practice and the council's approved Treasury Management Strategy. **Recommendations** The Audit and Governance Committee resolves: 1.1 To note the contents of this Treasury Management Performance Report.	**Resolved** (1) That the Treasury Management Quarter 1 Performance report be noted.
11	**Draft Statement of Accounts 2025-26** Report of Assistant Director of Finance (S151 Officer). **Purpose of report** To provide an opportunity for review of the draft 2025/26 Statement of Accounts which were published on the council's website on 30 June 2026. **Recommendations** The Audit and Governance Committee resolves:	**Resolved** (1) That the report and publication of the draft Statement of Accounts 2025/26 be noted.

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	1.1 To note the report and publication of the draft Statement of Accounts 2025/26 (Appendix 1).	
12	**Review of Committee Work Programme** To consider and review the Work Programme.	**Resolved** (1) That the work programme update be noted.