

Recommendations that are no longer applicable

Audit	Rec Number	Recommendation	Directorate	Priority	Original Due Date	Status	Management Response	Audit Comment
Pupil Services - Admissions	IAS 05-680 R1 Rec 1	The Manager, Schools Admissions & Exclusions should liaise with the Systems Manger to ensure that the following reports are produced from the database:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of applications that have been amended after the initial input. • Applications where the offer field is blank and the pupil resides in the Southend area. • Details of all preferences that have not been transferred to the appropriate school. Management should review and retain these reports to ensure that all information is appropriate. 	Children & Learning (C&L)	Medium	30-Sep-07	Not implemented - risk to be tolerated	With the changes to the Admissions process, with the introduction of co-ordinated admissions for primary and then the in-year coordination of admissions, these recommendations have not been a priority for either the Pupil Access team or the Systems team. It is not intended to pursue these recommendations for the following reasons: 1. The overall system has been operating successfully since 2005 and there is no evidence that there have been failings in the system which further reports would overcome; 2. With increasing pressure on staff time and a likely reduction in capacity, this work is not seen as a priority by the service. 3. The service is currently in corporate discussion about the introduction of a new system for implementation in 2012 for admissions in September 2013. It would seem more appropriate to focus staff time on this rather than past recommendations.	It is being proposed to close this recommendation. The risk of this recommendation not being implemented, as stated on the original report is: "Inappropriate actions / input being undertaken with the resulting reputational damage."
Network Infrastructure & Wireless	IAS 08-129 Rec 17	Standardise the configuration of user home directories to improve user management.	Support Services (SS)	Low	30-Sep-09	Not implemented - risk to be tolerated	This has been discussed and it has not been adopted by the lines of business as the requirements for each LOB is not standard and would not therefore be able to be standardised.	This recommendation was aimed at improving efficiency. Failure to implement should not have a significant impact on the administration performance. However this should be kept under review by management as standardisation of home directories, especially with a large user base or remote working can have significant advantages in helping prevent local copies of documents being taken from the Council and more effective backup of Council data.
Treasury Mangement	IAS 09-228 Rec 7	Increase the level of fidelity guarantee insurance to be consistent with the value of the Treasury Management transactions undertaken.	Support Services (SS)	Medium	28-Feb-10	Not implemented - risk to be tolerated	Given our claims history, our laid down procedures and segregation of duties, the additional cost of this audit recommendation is not considered to be value for money for the Council. The risk will therefore be tolerated.	A quote for additional cover has been obtained and covered by the Section 151 Officer, and the view has been taken that the additional costs out weighs the risk, and the decision has been taken to tolerate the risk.

High priority recommendations	0
Medium priority recommendations	2
Low priority recommendations	1
Total recommendations	3