



NORWICH City Council

Committee name: Audit

Committee date: 24/02/2025

Report title: Cyber security update

Portfolio: Councillor Kendrick, cabinet member for an open and modern council

Report from: Head of customers, IT and digital

Wards: All wards

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Purpose

This report provides audit committee with assurance that we have security measures to mitigate our risks around cyber-attacks.

Recommendation:

The local government association (LGA) recommends that members receive regular updates, and this report provides audit committee members with a cyber security update that includes an assurance dashboard.

Policy framework

The council has five corporate priorities, which are:

- A prosperous Norwich.
- A fairer Norwich.
- A climate responsive Norwich.
- A future-proof Norwich.
- An open and modern council.

This report meets the “an open and modern council” corporate priority and being cyber secure is fundamental for the delivery of our corporate plans.

Report details

1. Councillors have a hugely important role to play in showing political leadership in this area and should receive regular cyber security updates.
2. The exempt appendix provides a cyber security update for audit committee members which is also shared with the Executive Leadership Team and provides an opportunity to answer any subsequent questions.

Appendix 1:

- a. overview of the cybersecurity posture, current threats, and proactive measures
- b. Summary of critical IT operations and compliance status for the Public Services Network (PSN)
- c. Cyber defence metrics
- d. Future Work that is taking place

Consultation

3. Not applicable for this report.

Implications

Financial and resources

4. There are no specific financial implications.

Legal

5. There are no specific legal implications for this update.

Statutory considerations

Consideration	Details of any implications and proposed measures to address:
Equality and diversity	Not applicable
Health, social and economic impact	Not applicable
Crime and disorder	Not applicable
Children and adults safeguarding	Not applicable
Environmental impact	Not applicable

Risk management

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
Failure to update members of cyber risks	Lack of awareness and understanding of issues	Provide regular reports and updates

Other options considered.

6. Not applicable to this report.

Reasons for the decision/recommendation

- To provide audit committee with an update on cyber security as recommended by the LGA and answer any additional questions.

Appendices:

Exempt Appendix 1. Audit committee cyber update

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