

**FALKIRK COUNCIL**

**Subject: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS – KEY FINANCIAL  
SYSTEMS CONTROLS**  
**Meeting: AUDIT COMMITTEE**  
**Date: 25 March 2013**  
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**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Members will recall that at Special Meeting of the Audit Committee on 24 September 2012, I submitted a report attaching an Action Plan prepared by the Council's External Auditors following the review of the Council's systems of Internal Control. That Action Plan is attached for reference. This report provides an update on actions taken since then.

**2. ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE**

- 2.1 All the planned management actions have been completed with the following exceptions:

- Action 3 – where risk not accepted.
- Action 5 – the majority of lists have now been returned and stragglers are being chased up. The new list should be operational from 01/04/13.
- Action 10 – where risk not accepted.
- Action 14 – in 2013/14 we will target resources at those properties where we have been advised they are not empty to prevent any avoidance of the new 90% charge that will be applied.

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Members note progress to date on the Action Plan.

**Chief Finance Officer**

**Date: 15 February 2013**

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**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

NIL

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone Falkirk 01324 506371 and ask for John Flannigan.