Appendix A: Table outlining the overall assurance level for the 12 Governance Assurance Areas making up the Council's Governance Assurance Register.

	Governance Assurance Area	Assurance Level (Audit Cttee. date)				
		19/05/26	23/06/26	23/07/26	24/09/26	26/11/26
1	Ensuring an inclusive and prosperous economy	M	M	M	H	H
2	Ensuring we address affordable housing supply and demand to meet local need	M	M	M	M	M
3	Ensuring the Council has robust mechanisms in place to prepare for, respond to and recover from civil emergencies and business interruptions	H	H	H	H	M
4	Ensuring and maintaining our Organisational Resilience	M	M	M	M	M
5	Ensuring we meet our Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) duties and responsibilities	M	M	M	M	M
6	Ensuring our programme and change management arrangements are effective to support the successful transition to the new unitary council.	H	M	M	M	M
7	Ensuring we meet our zero carbon targets and wider environmental responsibilities	M	M	M	M	M
8	Ensuring the Council's financial management and long-term planning arrangements are effective to secure financial sustainability	M	M	M	M	M
9	Ensuring there are effective governance arrangements in place to deliver the IRP	M	M	M	M	H
10	Ensuring effective Procurement and Contract Management arrangements	M	M	M	M	M
11	Ensuring our arrangements against the threat of fraud and maintaining assurance that our anti-fraud arrangements are robust and effective	M	M	M	M	M
12	Ensuring our arrangements for Cyber Resilience and managing the threat of a cyber-attack are effective.	M	M	M	M	M