

Report to: Audit & Accounts Committee Meeting 08 July 2026

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Report Summary	
Report Title	Update on Information and Cyber Security
Purpose of Report	To present updates on the Councils information security management system and our alignment with the local government cyber assessment framework
Recommendations	Members review, comment upon and note the update
Reason for Recommendation	To provide Members with details and assurance on information and cyber security matters

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The LGA Cyber360 action plan completed in early 2026 and it was agreed that updates on Information and Cyber Security will continue. Specifically updates on programmes and frameworks that the Council is adopting.
- 1.2 Members should note that, alongside existing programmes and frameworks, the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has issued a memorandum of understanding. The Council will be assessed against the relevant standards and frameworks, with submission due in July and audit activity starting in August 2026.
- 1.3 Furthermore, the artificial intelligence threat landscape continues to increase and is acknowledged in our strategic risk SR603 Data management security plan.

2.0 Proposal /Options Considered

- 2.1 That members will note and comment on the updates provided in the exempt report.
- 2.2 Acknowledgement that resources are committed to the DWP MOU data gathering and audit.

2.3 Members will gain an understanding of the increasing threat risk, the impact on our communities and the evolving use of artificial intelligence by malicious actors.

3.0 **Implications**

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection; Digital & Cyber Security; Equality & Diversity; Financial; Human Resources; Human Rights; Legal; Safeguarding & Sustainability and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

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Implications Considered			
Yes – relevant and included / NA – not applicable			
Financial	NA	Equality & Diversity	NA
Human Resources	NA	Human Rights	NA
Legal	NA	Data Protection	NA
Digital & Cyber Security	NA	Safeguarding	NA
Sustainability	NA	Crime & Disorder	NA
LGR	NA	Tenant Consultation	NA

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Background Papers and Published Documents

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