Group Governance Communications

Report from:	Audit & Risk Committee
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Summary of key items discussed at the meeting:	**Decisions made and actions agreed:**
1. The Committee reviewed the significant risk report, risk map and risk movement and received a deep dive on Property Services Risks. 2. The Committee were presented with the Internal Audit Plan 2026/27. 3. Internal audit reports for Q3 were discussed on Building Safety Regulations, Market Rent Management, Legal Disrepair, and Business Plan and Stress Testing. 4. The Committee discussed the Annual Data Report. 5. An updated Safeguarding Policy was presented for approval. 6. A Business Continuity Report and Disaster Recovery Policy were presented for approval.	1. The Committee had a discussion on the Significant Risk Map. They agreed that the right risks were included in the Significant Risk Map but asked that the Executive team to review the scoring, ordering and mitigations. Changes were made and then approved by Committee via Written Resolution. 2. Committee approved the Internal Audit Plan for 2026/27 and noted the strategic plan for 2027/28. 3. Members approved the internal audit reports for Q3. 4. Committee confirmed that they had the necessary assurance that Data Protection risks are properly managed and discussed the potential impacts that STAIRS legislation and the Data Act 2025 might have to the business. 5. The updated Safeguarding Policy was approved. 6. Committee confirmed that the report provided sufficient assurance that business continuity risks were being mitigated, and they approved the Disaster Recovery Policy.

Specific actions and recommendations for this Meeting