

## Current Assurance Levels

Assurance Level	Definition
<b>Substantial Assurance</b>	There is a sound system of controls in place, designed to achieve the system objectives. Controls are being consistently applied and risks well managed.
<b>Reasonable Assurance</b>	The majority of controls are in place and operating effectively, although some control improvements are required. The system should achieve its objectives. Risks are generally well managed.
<b>Limited Assurance</b>	Certain important controls are either not in place or not operating effectively. There is a risk that the system may not achieve its objectives. Some key risks were not well managed.
<b>Inadequate Assurance</b>	There are fundamental control weaknesses, leaving the system/service open to material errors or abuse and exposes the Council to significant risk. There is little assurance of achieving the desired objectives.

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## Control levels that were used until end March 17

Control Level	Definition
<b>Good</b>	A few minor recommendations (if any).
<b>Satisfactory</b>	Minimal risk; a few areas identified where changes would be beneficial.
<b>Marginal</b>	A number of areas have been identified for improvement.
<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	Unacceptable risks identified, changes should be made.
<b>Unsound</b>	Major risks identified; fundamental improvements are required.