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1.	Audit responsibilities are to be rotated periodically	1130	Rotation of auditors to deliver assignments is routine however rotation at Principal Auditor level to be complete in April 2015	Paul Bradley	April 2016	This has been achieved at April 2015. To be maintained on the action plan for consideration as resources are continually reviewed.
2.	External Assessment to be completed once every five years	1312	Formally agree and external assessor and the date for the assessment.  Formally agree the form and scope of the external assessment.	Paul Bradley	March 2016	Discussions have taken place with North Tyneside, South Tyneside and Newcastle to enter into a quadripartite agreement to complete external assessments. To be formally documented.

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3.	Development of the Council's Assurance Framework	2010	Whilst there is an Assurance Framework that supports the Annual Governance Statement. The Audit Plan 2016/17 is to be developed referencing the 'Assurance Map' that details where the Council gets its assurance supported by the Council's Assurance Framework.	Paul Bradley	March 2016	
4.	The Chief Internal Auditor should share information and coordinate activities with internal and external providers of assurance	2050	Further development of the Assurance Map will identify those areas of assurance where further work should be developed e.g. Ofsted, Care Quality Commission etc.	Paul Bradley	March 2016	To support the Assurance Map. This work will also support the Annual Audit Report for 2015/2016.