LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

Report to: Audit Committee

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Subject: Cyber-Security Update

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SUMMARY

This report provides an update on Hammersmith & Fulham's cyber-security readiness.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Appendix 1 is not for publication on the basis that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) as set out in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

2. That the Committee notes and comments on the report including appendix 1.

Wards Affected: None

Our Values	Summary of how this report aligns to the H&F Values
Being ruthlessly financially efficient	The delivery of appropriate levels of protection are reviewed against cost to deliver good value for money, balanced against levels of risk.
Taking pride in H&F	The protection of H&F from disruption helps to maintain the council's reputation.

Background papers/ references used in preparing this report

- **Capita breach updates** Update on cyber incident Capita

- **DMARC email rule changes** Email authentication in Microsoft 365 - Office 365 | Microsoft Learn
- **Guidance on password policy change**: https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/blog-post/problems-forcing-regular-password-expiry
- **Microsoft policy and password expiration:** https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/admin/misc/password-policy-recommendations?view=o365-worldwide#password-expiration-requirements-for-users
- **The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)** NIST password guidelines vs. current practices - ManageEngine

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DETAILED ANALYSIS

1. Appendix 1 gives an overview of H&F security controls to mitigate the risk of future cyber-attacks.

LIST OF APPENDICES

Exempt Appendix 1 – Analysis