



**St Helena
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The Financial Secretary in his capacity as the responsible member of Executive Council submits an update on the action that has either been taken or is planned in response to recommendations contained in the reports of the Audit St Helena External Auditors.

This report provides responses to the recommendations in the Performance Audit Report: Procurement of the Fuel Management Contractor September 2019

The table below explains the colour coding applied by the Public Accounts Committee for the disposal of recommendations.

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| Implemented - no further action required and the matter is recommended to be closed. |
| Accepted – but matter not fully implemented and remains open for action in monitor. |
| Disputed – requires reconsideration and therefore remains open to monitor. |

| No | Recommendation | Responsibility | Response | Management's Recommendation |
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| 1 | SHG must ensure that procurement regulations prepared under the Public Finance Ordinance are duly issued under Legal Notice such that they will have statutory authority as subsidiary legislation rather than merely guidance. | Corporate Procurement Executive | Response – this matter is under consideration by management. A decision will be made in quarter 4 of 2019/20 in terms of how we will proceed. | Under consideration – remain open. |
| 2 | SHG must assess any other regulations issued under the Public Finance Ordinance 2010, such as the Financial Regulations, and ensure that they have been procedurally enacted as subsidiary legislation. | Deputy Financial Secretary | Response – this work is in progress. A first draft of the Financial Regulations in the required format has been received and is expected to be finalised during quarter 4 of 2019/20. | Under consideration – remain open. |

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| 3 | SHG must ensure exemptions and/or waivers are executed as per stated in the regulations, with the necessary documentation retained. | Corporate Procurement Executive | All exemption and/or waivers are made in compliance with the Procurement Regulations. The application is documented, signed off by either the Corporate Procurement Executive or Procurement Board and retained on file. | Implemented – recommended to be closed. |
| 4 | SHG must strengthen its record keeping system for mandatory information to be kept in line with best practice procurement regulations when the procurement is executed by a third party. | Corporate Procurement Executive | Procurement have introduced the e-procurement solution In-tend and are managing medium and high risk procurements through the system but are looking at how low risk documentation is transferred onto the system. Any procurements undertaken by third parties on behalf of SHG must comply with the Procurement Regulations in force at that time. | Implemented – recommended to be closed. |