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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
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Thank you for your request for information relating to Cyber Assessment Framework.

You have requested the following information:

1. Adoption Status

- **Has the Council formally adopted the Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF) as its primary cyber security assurance model?**
- **If yes, on what date was the framework adopted, and what is the current progress of its implementation (e.g., pilot stage, partial rollout, or fully implemented)?**
- **If the Council has not adopted the CAF, is there a formal plan or timeline to do so in the 2026/27 financial year (or beyond)?**

There is no definition for formal adoption for our organisation. To assist, the CAF has support at Director level at CCC and will be our primary assurance model in the future. We have piloted the CAF and we are gradually working through it. There are no internal or external timelines for completing the CAF that we are aware of.

2. Alternative Frameworks

- **If the Council has decided not to adopt the CAF, please state the primary reason for this decision (e.g., lack of resources, preference for other standards, or awaiting further central government guidance).**
- **Please list any other cyber security or risk management frameworks currently in use by the Council outside of PSN (e.g., ISO 27001, Cyber Essentials/Cyber Essentials Plus, NIST).**

At the moment we are unaware of any external organisation requesting CAF compliance. Several

organisations still request our PSN compliance. We use PSN, DSPT (NHS), PCI-DSS.

3. Manpower and Personnel

- **How many Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staff members are currently allocated to the implementation, assessment, or ongoing maintenance of the CAF?**
- **Has the Council recruited new staff specifically to handle the requirements of the CAF, or has the workload been absorbed by existing IT/security teams?**
- **Have external consultants or third-party service providers been contracted to assist with the CAF assessment?**
- **How are you planning to select systems to be prioritised during the CAF implementation?**

Currently 0.05 of existing Cyber Security staff. No external consultants involved. Systems will be selected on importance to running council operations and data sensitivity.

4. Financial Cost

- **What is the total estimated cost to date of adopting/implementing the CAF framework within the Council? (Please include costs for staff time, software/tools, and external consultancy).**
- **What is the projected annual budget for maintaining compliance with the CAF over the next three financial years?**

We do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1). This is unknown. Until we have fully completed the CAF and had external assurance on our submission we will not know the costs involved.

5. Governance

- **Which department or senior leadership role (e.g., SIRO, CISO, or Head of IT) is ultimately responsible for the Council's CAF compliance and reporting?**

Responsibility for the CAF will sit with the Cyber Security Lead. Accountability will likely sit with the Director of Digital.

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