



TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH

Annual Summary 2023/24

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ASSIGNMENTS COMPLETED

Assignment	Opinion	Findings agreed by priority		
		Low	Medium	High
IT and Remote Working Asset Management (1.23/24)	Reasonable Assurance	2	1	0
Follow Up (2.23/24)	Good Progress	12/13 actions implemented.		
IT Access Management Security (3.23/24)	Reasonable Assurance	4	4	0
Staff Mental Health and Wellbeing (4.23/24)	Substantial Assurance	1	0	0
Performance Management and Appraisals (5.23/24)	Substantial Assurance	0	0	0
Procurement - Value for Money (6.23/24)	Reasonable Assurance	1	2	0

SCOPE OF OUR WORK

These assignments are just one of the elements of Transport for the North's assurance framework and, if used properly, the results of our work can help management to inform and update the organisation's risk profile.

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of our work delivered during the year. Our work has been planned and delivered as a series of 'agreed upon procedures', delivering reviews and testing in areas at the request of management and the Audit and Governance Committee.

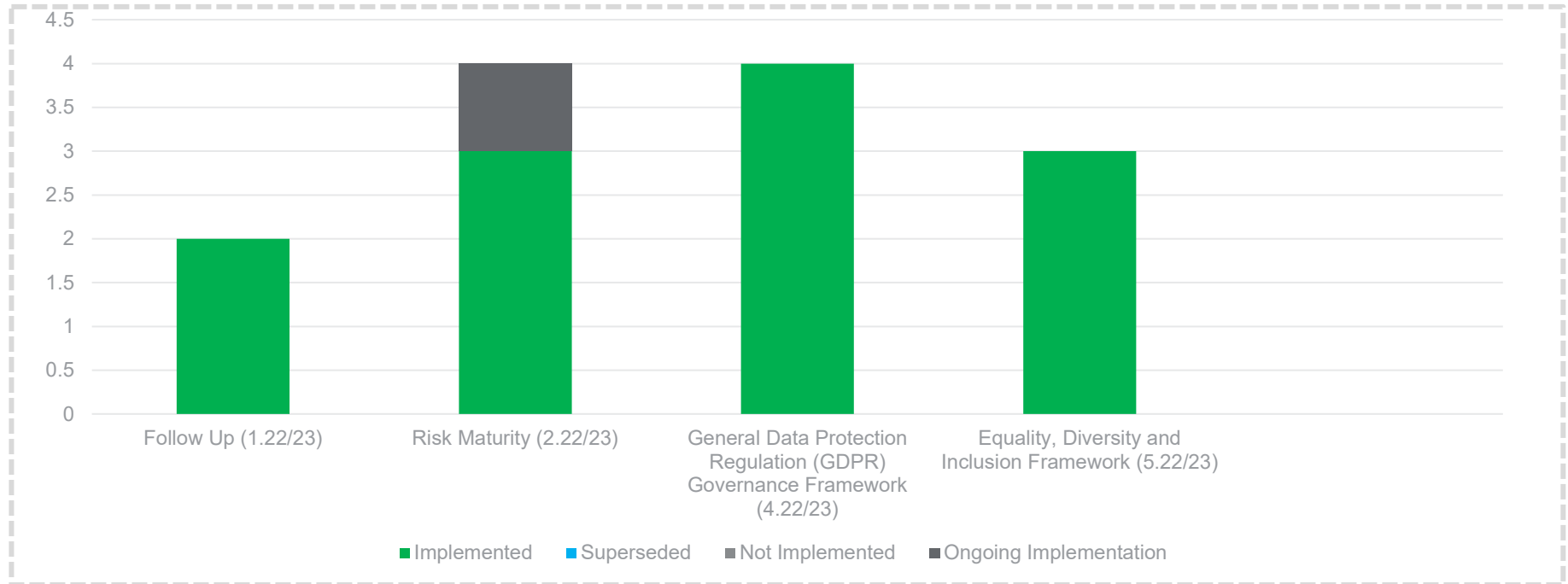
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IMPLEMENTATION OF MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

The graph below shows the progress made by the organisation to implement actions previously agreed to address findings from our assignments.



We followed up the progress made by management to implement the 13 actions raised in our 2022/23 assignment reports. Of the 13 actions reviewed, we confirmed that a total 12 (92%) actions had been fully implemented and one (8%) 'low' priority action had been partly though not yet fully implemented.

Note – the actions included within our Framework for Project Management - Project Approval, Delivery and Monitoring (6.22/23) were not due for implementation at the time of our Follow Up review and will form part of our Follow Up review for 2024/25.



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