

**MEMBERS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS TO
AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
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Councillor EPJ Harvey, Ledbury North

Question

Given that the South Wye Transport Package is a capital programme which has been in existence since 2014 and has already spent more than £5m (15%) of its £35m capital budget, please will the Chairman seek clarification for this Committee from the Chief Executive regarding whether the Chief Executive considers it to be acceptable that this project is still judged not to be to be 'at a point on its journey' – whatever that means - when it may be used to test whether its delivery is in compliance with the professional project management practices required by council to which he personally committed himself in July 2018?"

Response

I understand from the Head of Internal Audit's report that the compliance testing was to ascertain the embedding of the new project management software system which has been introduced in response to the Blueschool House recommendations. That can only be tested once an existing project has been migrated to that system, and this is being done in a phased way. Any assumption that because a project hasn't yet been migrated to the new software it is not being managed appropriately would not be an appropriate assumption. The South Wye Transport Package has been and is being project managed and internal audit are scheduled to undertake a full audit of the project in the coming year