

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 23RD APRIL 2024**

### **Report of the Director Finance, Governance and Contracts**

#### WORK PROGRAMME

##### Purpose of Report

To enable the Committee to consider its Work Programme.

##### Actions Requested

That the Committee considers any items that it wishes to add to or amend, in its work programme for future meetings.

##### Reason

To enable the Committee to identify future items of business and enable planning for future meetings to be undertaken, for example preparing reports and arranging for the attendance of officers and/or others at meetings.

##### Amendments since the last meeting

The Work Programme agreed at the last meeting of the Committee is attached as an appendix for the consideration of the Committee with the following amendments since the last meeting:

- Amendments to this April 2024 agenda include:

“External Audit Progress Report and Technical Update” deleted from the agenda due to the recent placement of new external auditor, Azets.

“2023/24 External Audit Plan” added to the agenda.

“External Quality Assessment of Internal Audit” deleted from the agenda. This item is required every five years and is not due until 2026.

“Audit Committee Annual Report” added to the agenda for this meeting in line with recommendations of the ‘CIPFA Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police 2022’.

- Audit Committee dates for 2024/25 amended to July, October, February and April, with flexibility for the Audit Accounts meeting which is currently scheduled for November. The revised schedule allows for more streamlined quarterly reporting in relation to the Internal Audit Plan Progress reports and Treasury Management reports.
- Treasury Management will be reported as follows:  
Q1 – October, Q2 and Q3 – February, Q4 – July.

- The Head of Democracy will be reporting on the following items going forward:

Council's Use of Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) (every meeting)

Risk Management (Risk Register) (every meeting)

Antifraud and Corruption Strategy and Whistleblowing Strategy (annual- July)

- The Head of Legal and Electoral Services will be reporting on the Annual Governance Statement and Review of the Code of Corporate Governance going forward (annual – November Accounts meeting).

### Report Implications

#### ***Financial Implications***

None.

#### ***Risk Management***

None.

#### ***Equality and Diversity***

None identified.

#### **Climate Change and Carbon Impact**

None identified.

#### ***Crime and Disorder***

None identified.

#### **Wards Affected**

Not applicable.

#### **Publicity Arrangements**

Not applicable.

#### **Consultations**

Not applicable.

## Links to the Corporate Strategy

Caring for the Environment	No
Healthy Communities	No
A Thriving Economy	Yes
Your Council	Yes

Key Decision: No

Background Papers: None

Appendix: Work Programme

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