

Meeting:	Audit & Governance Committee
Meeting date:	24 November 2015
Title of report:	A&G committee work programme update
Report by:	Governance Manager

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not an executive decision.

Wards Affected

Countywide

Purpose

To provide an update on the Committee's work programme for 2015-16.

Recommendation

THAT:

subject to any updates made by the committee, the updated work programme for 2015-16 for the Audit and Governance Committee be agreed.

Alternative options

There are no alternative options as regards whether or not to have a work programme as the committee will require such a programme in order to set out its objectives for the coming year.

The programme was discussed and finalised by the committee in March 2015. However, following discussion, adjustments to timescales and content may be required and amended from time to time.

Reasons for recommendations

1 The work programme is recommended as the committee is required to define and make known its work for the coming year. This will ensure that matters pertaining to audit and governance are tracked and progressed in order to provide sound

- governance for the council.
- The Committee is asked to note the updates to the work programme and consider any further adjustments.

Key considerations

- A number of items considered by the committee will be ongoing and updates are programmed in to the year. Included in this updated programme are an update from the governance improvement working group (constitution review) and revisions to the financial procedure rules for January 2016. A further addition for March is the setting of the committee's work programme for 2016-17.
- The routine business of the committee has been reflected as far as is known, including the regular reporting from internal and external auditors.

Community impact

The work of the committee supports the council in demonstrating its values, and in particular the commitment to being open, transparent and accountable.

Equality duty

6 This report does not impact on this area.

Financial implications

7 There are no financial implications.

Legal implications

8 There are no legal implications.

Risk management

The programme can be adjusted in year to respond as necessary to risks as they are identified; the committee also provides assurance that risk management processes are robust and effective.

Consultees

Internal and external auditors, head of corporate finance, monitoring officer and governance manager have contributed to content of the work programme.

Appendices

Appendix A – A&G Work Programme 2015-16

Background papers

None identified.

