

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Audit and governance committee</b>
<b>Meeting date:</b>	<b>9 May 2016</b>
<b>Title of report:</b>	<b>Future work programme for audit and governance committee</b>
<b>Report by:</b>	<b>Democratic services officer</b>

## **Classification**

Open

## **Key decision**

This is not an executive decision.

## **Wards affected**

Countywide

## **Purpose**

To agree the future work programme for the audit and governance committee for 2016-17.

## **Recommendation(s)**

**THAT:**

**subject to any amendments made, the work programme for 2016-17 for the audit and governance committee, be agreed.**

## **Alternative options**

- 1 This is a draft programme to be discussed and finalised by the committee. 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.
- 2 However, following discussion, adjustments to timescales and content may be required.

## **Reasons for recommendations**

- 3 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.

## **Key considerations**

- 4 The governance improvement review (encompassing revisions to the constitution) reporting to the committee is ongoing and updates are carried forward into the new work programme.
- 5 The committee responsible for approving the council's annual accounts in the autumn. This item has been identified for inclusion in the September 2016 agenda.
- 6 Both external and internal audit report their work to the committee at regular intervals throughout the year and this activity will be built into the work programme.
- 7 It was agreed by committee that reports from any current working groups be reflected in the future work programme.

## **Community impact**

- 8 A clear and transparent work programme provides a visible demonstration of how the committee is fulfilling its role as set out in the council's constitution.

## **Equality duty**

- 9 This report does not impact on this area.

## **Financial implications**

- 10 There are no financial implications.

## **Legal implications**

- 11 The work programme reflects any statutory or constitutional requirements.

## **Risk management**

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

## **Consultees**

- 13 Internal and external auditors.

## **Appendices**

Appendix A – Draft work programme 2016-17

## **Background papers**

- None identified.