

Title of report: Work programme update

Meeting: Audit and governance committee

Meeting date: Tuesday 10 May 2022

Report by: Democratic services officer

Classification

Open

Decision type

This is not an executive decision.

Wards affected

Countywide

Purpose

To provide an update on the committee's work programme.

Recommendation(s)

That:

Subject to any updates made by the committee, the work programme for the audit and governance committee be agreed.

Alternative options

- 1 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.

Reasons for recommendations

- 2 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.
- 3 The committee is asked to consider any further adjustments.

Key considerations

- 4 The routine business of the committee has been reflected as far as is known, including the regular reporting from both internal and external auditors.
- 5 To assist with the efficient transaction of business at this meeting, items on the draft annual governance statement and on the progress on internal audit recommendations will now be received at the June 2022 meeting. It is also intended that a report on the anti-fraud, bribery and corruption policy will also be received at the June 2022 meeting.
- 6 At the general scrutiny committee on 27 January 2022 (minute 53 refers), in considering 2022/23 budget setting, recommended to the executive that:

‘The Audit and Governance Committee be invited to consider the use of consultants and information providers.’

The executive response, agreed by Cabinet on 31 January 2022 (minute 82 refers), resolved that:

‘Cabinet will invite the Chair of Audit and Governance Committee to add this to the Committee’s work programme.’

Community impact

- 7 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.

Environmental impact

- 8 Whilst this is an update on the work programme and will have minimal environmental impacts, consideration has been made to minimise waste and resource use in line with the council’s Environmental Policy.

Equality duty

- 9 This report does not impact on this area.

Resource 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 The director of finance and assurance/ S151 officer, director of governance and legal services / monitoring officer, chairperson and vice-chairperson contribute to the work programme.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Work programme for audit and governance committee

Background papers

None identified.