

Title of report: Work programme update

Meeting: Audit and Governance Committee

Meeting date: Monday 27 June 2022

Report by: Democratic Services Officer

Classification

Open

Decision type

This is not an executive decision.

Wards affected

(All Wards)

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 the committee requires such a programme in order to set out its work for the coming year.

Reasons for recommendations

- 2 Updating the work programme is recommended, as the committee is required to define and make known its work. 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 An item on the draft Annual Governance Statement was initially scheduled for this meeting, 27

June 2022, but it will now be received at a later meeting (date to be confirmed).

- 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, and committee members contribute to the work programme; the work programme is reviewed at each meeting of the committee.

Appendices

Appendix A Work programme for Audit and Governance Committee

Background papers

None identified.