

Audit Committee – 30 June 2023

Title of paper:	Audit Committee Annual Work Programme	
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Does this report contain any information that is exempt from publication?		
No		
Recommendation(s):		
1.	Note the role and functions of the Audit Committee as set out in the Constitution.	
2.	To consider the assurance that the Annual Work Programme set out in Appendix 1 provides to support the Audit Committee in meeting its objectives, role and functions within the Council's Constitution and best practice set out in CIPFA guidance.	
3.	To seek changes to the assurance items in the work programme as necessary.	
4.	To seek further assurance should any matter of significance to the Audit Committee's objectives arise during the year.	

1. Reasons for recommendations

- 1.1 The role and functions of a local authority audit committee are set out in CIPFA guidance which has recently been updated (CIPFA Position Statement 2022).

2. Background

- 2.1 Audit Committee is accountable to full council for providing an independent and high-level focus on the adequacy of governance, risk and control arrangements. The committee's role in ensuring that there is sufficient assurance over governance risk and control gives greater confidence to all those charged with governance that those arrangements are effective.
- 2.2 The Audit Committee Work Programme (Appendix 1) is designed to ensure that the outcomes expected of an effective audit committee are achieved.

3. Background papers other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

- 3.1 None

4. Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 4.1 CIPFA's Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police 2022
4.2 CIPFA - Audit Committees: Practical Guidance for Local Authorities and Police 2022