

Audit and Standards Committee – 17th July 2023

Report of the Director of Finance and Legal Services

Committee Work Plan 2023-24

Purpose of the Report

1. To introduce a work plan setting out a schedule of agenda items to consider at Committee meetings in the new Municipal year.

Recommendation

2. The Committee notes the contents of this report and approves the agenda schedule at **Appendix A**.

Background

3. The Committee has previously agreed to the introduction of a work plan report setting out scheduled agenda items for the Committee at the first meeting in the Municipal year.
4. Attached at **Appendix A** is a draft schedule of agenda items for the five meetings in the new Municipal year.

Finance

5. There are no direct financial implications of this report.

Law

6. The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require the council to maintain a sound system of internal control which facilitates the effective exercise of its functions and the achievement of its aims and objectives; ensures that the financial and operational management of the authority is effective; and includes effective arrangements for the management of risk. The meetings of Audit and Standards Committee help to ensure that a sound system of internal control is in place.

Risk Management

7. The proposals contained within this report do not raise any “material” risks.

Equality Impact

8. This report does not raise any equal opportunities issues.
9. The work of Audit and Standards Committee helps to protect the interests of children and young people, albeit they were not consulted on, or involved, with the production of this report.

Human Resources/Organisational Development

10. There are no human resources/organisational development implications arising from this report.

Commercial/Procurement

11. This report does not have any commercial/procurement implications.

Environment/Climate Change

12. There are no environmental/climate change issues associated with this report.

Council Priorities/Projects

13. The work undertaken by Audit and Standards Committee helps to ensure council priorities are achieved by ensuring the council has an effective framework of governance, risk management and internal control.



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List of Background Papers

Appendix A - Schedule of Agenda items – Municipal Year 2023-24

APPENDIX A

Schedule of Agenda items – Municipal Year 2023-24

17th July 2023	Grant Thornton Annual Audit Plan 2022-23 including Informing the Audit Risk
	Re-appointment of Standards Sub-Committee
	Committee Work Plan 2023-24
	Audit and Risk Management Services Annual Performance Report 2022-23
25th September 2023	Grant Thornton Annual Auditors' Report 2021-22 and 22-23
	Statement of Accounts 2022-23
	Annual Governance Statement 2022-23
	Code of Corporate Governance
	Whistleblowing Policy
	Treasury Management
	Standing Orders relating to Contracts
	Exemptions from the requirement for a competitive procurement process
6th December 2023	Grant Thornton Audit Findings Report 2022-23
	Annual Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life
	Risk Management Report
	Suspensions
	Audit and Risk Management Services Interim Performance Report
	Annual Audit Report 2022-23 – Chief Executive
19th February 2024	Treasury Management
	Annual Audit Report 2022-23 – Deputy Chief Executive
	Housing Assurance Board Report

24th April 2024	Grant Thornton Audit Plan 2023-24 including Informing the Audit Risk Assessment
	Annual Fraud Report
	Audit and Risk Management Services Annual Audit Plan 2024-25
	Risk Management Report
	Audit and Standards Committee Annual Report 2023-24
	Accounting Policies, Critical Accounting Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty

The Governance – Programmes, Projects and Contract Management Action Plan Report due to be presented to the Committee following the January 2023 meeting, will be scheduled when completed.

Due to the size of the agenda for the 25th September 2023 meeting, it may be necessary to arrange an additional Committee meeting.