
Audit and Standards Committee – 9th July 2013

Report of the Treasurer and the Director of Corporate Resources

Committee Work Plan 2013/14

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.

Background

2. A Benchmarking Report, presented to the April Committee meeting, compared working practices with Birmingham City Council and the other Black Country Councils.
3. A number of recommendations were made and accepted by the Committee including the following :-
 - a. Introduce a work plan report setting out scheduled agenda items for the Committee at the first meeting in the 2013/14 Municipal year.
 - b. That the Committee receives regular reports on the Corporate Risk Register at three meetings per year and identifies a specific risk in each report to focus on
 - c. That in view of the other recommendations set out above, the Committee agrees to increase the frequency of meetings from four per year to five per year.
4. Attached as Appendix 1 is a draft schedule of agenda items for the five meetings in the new Municipal year, including a meeting scheduled for December.

Finance

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

Law

6. The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 require the Council to have an adequate and effective system of internal audit which includes all elements of the audit framework including the Audit & Standards Committee.

Equality Impact

7. This report does not raise any equal opportunities issues.

Recommendations

8. The Committee notes the contents of this report and approves the agenda schedule at Appendix 1.



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Appendix 1

Schedule of Agenda items – Municipal Year 2013/14

Date of Meeting	Report
2013	
9 July	Grant Thornton Annual Plan [Opinion Plan]
	Audit Services Performance/Review Report 12/13
	Annual Audit Report - Chief Executive
	Annual Audit Report – Corporate Resources
	Risk Report
	Committee Work Plan 13/14
19 September	Statement of Accounts 12/13
	Annual Governance Statement 12/13 [Incorporating Assurance Mapping]
	Treasury Management
	Annual Audit Report – DUE
	Exceptions to Standing Orders 01/13 – 06/13
	Grant Thornton Annual Governance Report
	Grant Thornton Audit Committee Update Report
	Audit Services Interim Performance Report
	Employee Code of Conduct Update
10 December	Annual Audit Report – DACHS
	Risk Report
	Grant Thornton Audit Committee Update Report
	Annual Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life
	Disciplinary suspensions
2014	
13 February	Audit Services Interim Performance Report
	Annual Audit Report – DCS
	Audit Commission Annual Audit/Inspection Letter 2013
	Grant Thornton Fee Letter 13/14
	Grant Thornton Audit of Grants 12/13
	Grant Thornton Audit Committee Update Report
	Risk Management Strategy
	Treasury Management
17 April	Exceptions to Standing Orders 07/13 – 12/13
	Annual Fraud Report including Anti Fraud & Corruption Strategy
	Audit Services Plan 14/15 [Incorporating Assurance Mapping]
	Code of Corporate Governance
	Confidential Reporting Policy
	Grant Thornton Audit Committee Update