

Audit and Standards Committee – 8th July 2024

Report of the Director of Finance and Legal Services

Audit and Standards Committee Work Plan 2024-25

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 Plan

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 2024-25

APPENDIX A

Schedule of Agenda items – Municipal Year 2024-25

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| 8th July 2024 | Committee Work Plan 2024-25 |
| | Re-appointment of Standards Sub-Committee |
| | Audit and Risk Management Services' Annual Performance Report 2023-24 |
| | Treasury Management |
| | Exemptions from the requirement for a competitive procurement process |
| | Fit for the Future Programme |
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| 30th September 2024 | Grant Thornton Annual Auditors' Report 2023-24 |
| | Grant Thornton Audit Findings Report 2023-24 |
| | Statement of Accounts 2023-24 |
| | Annual Governance Statement 2023-24 |
| | Housing Assurance Board Annual Report |
| | Whistleblowing Policy |
| | Standing Orders relating to Contracts Update |
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| 4th December 2024 | Treasury Management |
| | 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 2023-24 – Chief Executive (public and private reports) |
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| 17th February 2025 | Treasury Management |
| | Annual Audit Report 2023-24 – Deputy Chief Executive (public and private reports) |

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| 28th April 2024 | Grant Thornton Audit Plan 2024-25 including informing the Audit Risk Assessment |
| | Annual Fraud Report |
| | Audit and Risk Management Services' Annual Audit Plan 2025-26 |
| | Risk Management Report |
| | Audit and Standards Committee Annual Report 2024-25 |
| | Accounting Policies, Critical Accounting Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty |
| | Treasury Management |