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**Meeting of the Audit Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Report of the Interim Director of Finance**

**Committee Work Plan 2025-26**

**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 six 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 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 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 direct environmental implications within this report impacting on the Council’s work to address Climate Change and achieve our Net Zero target by 2030.

## **Council Plan**

13. The work undertaken by Audit 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 2025-26

# **APPENDIX A**

## **Schedule of Agenda items – Municipal Year 2025-26**

<b>26<sup>th</sup> June 2025</b>	Draft Statement of Accounts 2024-25
	Draft Annual Governance Statement 2024-25
	Cyber Security
	Committee Work Plan 2025-26
<b>7<sup>th</sup> July 2025</b>	Audit and Risk Management Services' Annual Performance Report 2024-25
	Annual Fraud Report 2024
	Financial Regulations <b>NB2</b>
	Housing External Compliance Report
	Internal Audit Minimal and Limited Assurance Reports <b>NB1</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>	Grant Thornton Annual Auditors' Report 2023-24 (subject to change)
	Statement of Accounts 2024-25
	Annual Governance Statement 2024-25
	Housing Assurance Board Annual Report
	Risk Management
	Exemptions from the requirement for a competitive procurement process
	Treasury Management
	Internal Audit Minimal and Limited Assurance Reports <b>NB1</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	Treasury Management
	Suspensions
	Grant Thornton Audit Findings Report 2024-25
	Grant Thornton Annual Auditors Report 2024-25
	Whistleblowing Report
	Effectiveness of Audit Committee
	Audit and Risk Management Services' Interim Performance Report
	Internal Audit Minimal and Limited Assurance Reports <b>NB1</b>

<b>16<sup>th</sup> February 2026</b>	Treasury Management
	Audit and Risk Management Services' Interim Performance Report
	Accounting Policies, Critical Accounting Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation Uncertainty
	Progress against CIPFA Financial Management Model
	Private Meeting with the Internal and External Auditors
	Internal Audit Minimal and Limited Assurance Reports <b>NB1</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	Grant Thornton Audit Plan 2025-26 including informing the Audit Risk Assessment
	Annual Fraud Report
	Audit and Risk Management Services' Annual Audit Plan 2026-27
	Risk Management Report
	Audit Committee Annual Report 2025-26
	Treasury Management
	Audit and Risk Management Services' Interim Performance Report
	Internal Audit Minimal and Limited Assurance Reports <b>NB1</b>

**NB1** - If any Internal Audit Minimal or Limited Assurance Reports have been issued in the period.

**NB2** – Financial Regulations may need to be reviewed again as part of the work to update the constitution.