



Audit Committee Forward Plan

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Purpose of the Report

This report informs Members of the agreed Audit Committee Forward Plan.

Recommendations

Members are asked to note and comment upon the proposed Audit Committee Forward Plan as attached.

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The forward plan sets out items and issues to be discussed over the coming few months and is reviewed annually.

Items marked *in italics* are not yet confirmed.

Background Papers

None.

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Meeting Date	Item	Responsible Officer
2 nd September 2022	2020/21 External Audit Findings Report <i>The audit is not yet finalised and is replaced with Grant' Thornton's Progress on the 2020/21 Audit report</i>	Barrie Morris, Director, and Beth Garner, Manager (Grant Thornton)
	Progress on the 2020/21 Audit	Barrie Morris, Director, and Beth Garner, Manager (Grant Thornton)
	Introduction to the External Auditors' Annual Report for 2020/21	Chief Finance Officer & Monitoring Officer
	2020/21 External Auditors' Annual Report (to go to full Council)	Barrie Morris, Director, and Beth Garner, Manager (Grant Thornton)
	Management Response to 2020/21 External Audit Findings and Annual Report (tbc) <i>The management response is now included in Grant Thornton's reports above</i>	Chief Executive Chief Finance Officer Monitoring Officer
	Approval of 2020/21 audited Statement of Accounts <i>This cannot be finalised until the Final Audit Findings Report is received</i>	Chief Finance Officer and Lead Specialist – Finance (Deputy S151 Officer)
	Approval of 2020/21 Annual Governance Statement <i>This has to be considered alongside the audited statement of accounts</i>	Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer
	2020/21 VFM Audit <i>This is the same report as the External Auditors' Annual Report listed above</i>	Chief Executive, Chief Finance Officer & Monitoring Officer
22 nd September 2022	2021/22 unaudited Statement of Accounts	Chief Finance Officer and Lead Specialist – Finance (Deputy S151 Officer)
	2021/22 Draft Annual Governance Statement	Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer, and Chief Finance Officer
	Informing the Audit Risk Assessment for the 2021/22 external audit	Chief Finance Officer, Monitoring Officer and Chief Executive
	2022/23 Q2: Internal Audit Progress Report	Alistair Woodland, Assistant Director (SWAP)
	Risk Management Update Q2 2022/23	Lead Specialist, PPC
	Report on SSDC Opium Ltd - governance and financial position	Chief Finance Officer, Monitoring Officer

	2020/21 Housing Benefits Certificate of Claims Report	Lead Specialist Finance (Deputy S151 Officer)
24th November 2022	2022/23 Treasury Management mid-year treasury performance and strategy update	Lead Specialist Finance (Deputy S151 Officer)
	<i>As requested and to be confirmed: Audit Committee training on Treasury Management</i>	<i>Chief Finance Officer and Lead Specialist – Finance (Deputy S151 Officer)</i>

26th January 2023	2021/22 External Audit Findings Report	Barrie Morris, Director, and Beth Garner, Manager (Grant Thornton)
	2021/22 External Auditors' Annual Report (to go to full Council)	Barrie Morris, Director, and Beth Garner, Manager (Grant Thornton)
	Approval of 2021/22 audited Statement of Accounts	Chief Finance Officer and Lead Specialist – Finance (Deputy S151 Officer)
	Approval of 2021/22 Annual Governance Statement	Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer
	2021/22 Housing Benefits Certificate of Claims Report (<i>tbc</i>)	Lead Specialist Finance (Deputy S151 Officer)
	2022/23 Q3: Internal Audit Progress Report	Alistair Woodland, Assistant Director (SWAP)
	Risk Management Update Q3 2022/23	Lead Specialist, PPC
	Update on Improving Environmental Services and Corporate Governance	Chief Executive, Director Strategy Support and Environmental Services
23rd March 2023	2022/23 Annual Health & Safety Update	Lead Specialist – Strategic Planning
	2022/23 Annual Civil Contingencies	Lead Specialist – Strategic Planning
	2022/23 Annual Whistleblowing Update	Monitoring Officer
	2022/23 Internal Audit Outturn Report	Alistair Woodland, Assistant Director (SWAP)



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	2022/23 Q4 Risk Management Update	Lead Specialist, PPC
	2022/23 Internal Audit Annual Opinion Report	Alistair Woodland, Assistant Director (SWAP)
	2022/23 Draft Annual Governance Statement Note: expect supplementary change order provisions will require the dissolving councils to prepare and approve their final Annual Governance Statement by 31 March 2023	Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer