

Open Report on behalf of Pete Moore, Executive Director of Finance and Public Protection

Report to:	Audit Committee
Date:	21 September 2015
Subject:	Work Plan

Summary:

This report provides the Committee with information the core assurance activities currently scheduled for the 2015/16 work plan.

Recommendation(s):

Review and amend the Audit Committee's work plan ensuring it contains the assurances necessary to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2016.

Background

- 1 The work plan has been pulled together based on the core assurance activities of the Committee as set out in its terms of reference and best practice (see Appendix A).
- 2 The November Committee includes the following items:
 - Panel discussion with Corporate Management Board
 - Counter Fraud Progress Report
 - Risk Management Update
 - Update on Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act compliance
 - Annual Review of Complaints process (suggest this is removed)
- 3 One area not currently in the forward plan is the follow up of the Libraries – organisational review. We suggest this is included in the work plan at the January meeting.
- 4 Training and Development forms a key part of maintaining the Committee's effectiveness. We propose to relaunch the successful networking group – Lincolnshire's Audit Committee Forum – inviting public sector bodies across Lincolnshire. This forum provided Audit Committees to share good practice

and receive topical updates and relevant training. We are seeking the views of the Committee:

- 1 Is this something the Committee would welcome?
- 2 Are there any topics of relevance / interest that members would like covered at a Forum meeting?

Conclusion

The work plan helps the Committee ensure that the Committee effectively delivers its terms of reference and keep track of areas where it requires further work and/or assurance.

Consultation

a) Policy Proofing Actions Required

n/a

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Work Plan to March 2016

Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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