

Regulatory and Other Committee

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

Report to:	Audit Committee
Date:	23 November 2015
Subject:	Work Plan

Summary:

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

Recommendation(s):

1. Review and amend the Audit Committee's work plan ensuring it contains the assurance areas necessary to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2016.
2. Review the outstanding actions designed to improve the effectiveness of the Committee

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 – work plan to March 2016).
- 2 There are a number of areas that the Committee may wish to seek assurance going forward and include in their work plan for 2016, namely:
 - Reviewing and encouraging transparency in partnership / collaborative working decision making
 - Understand and seek assurance over the governance and risks associated with our key partners.
 - Facilitate risk management training and awareness for members and staff. To clarify the understanding of the level of risk the Council is prepared to accept across its key activities/business units.
 - Overview of the constitution and how it impacts on the Council's assurance framework
 - Compliance with the Transparency Code.

- participating in self assessments of the governance arrangements

Conclusion

The work plan helps 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
Appendix B	Action Plan

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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