

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

Report to:	Audit Committee
Date:	29 January 2018
Subject:	Work Plan

Summary:

This report provides the Committee with information on the core assurance activities currently scheduled for the 2018/19 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 2018
2. Consider the actions identified in the Action Plan

Background

The work plan has been compiled 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 31 March 2018).

Once a year the Audit Committee reviews its effectiveness to help inform its Annual Report to the Council (scheduled for June 2018 Audit Committee). We suggest a workshop is undertaken in March to undertake a self-assessment – perhaps the afternoon following the scheduled Committee.

Sometime ago the Audit Committee requested if another independent could be added to the Committee – bring independent challenge and a different perspective to the Committee. We are currently working with Democratic Services to move this proposal forward – it requires a change in the Constitution. Please also note that David Finch has given formal notice that he will stand down as a member of the Committee from the 31st December 2018.

Appendix B – keeps track of actions agreed by the Committee and future potential agenda items.

Conclusion

The work plan helps the Audit Committee effectively deliver its terms of reference and keeps track of areas where it requires further work and/or assurance.

Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out??

No

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

Any changes to services, policies and projects are subject to an Equality Impact Analysis. The considerations of the contents and subsequent decisions are all taken with regard to existing policies

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Work plan to 31 March 2018
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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