

Audit and Governance Committee

13 February 2012

Report of the Assistant Director of CBSS (Financial Services)

Audit & Governance Committee Forward Plan to December 2012

Summary

1. This paper presents the future plan of reports expected to be presented to the Committee during the forthcoming year to December 2012.

Background

- 2. There are to be six fixed meetings of the Committee in a municipal year. To assist members in their work, attached as an Annex is the indicative rolling Forward Plan for meetings to December 2012. This may be subject to change depending on key internal control and governance developments at the time. A rolling Forward Plan of the Committee will be reported at every meeting reflecting any known changes.
- 3. Several amendments have been made to the forward plan since the previous version was presented to this Committee in December 2011. These include rescheduling the review of Audit and Governance Committee Terms of Reference from the February meeting to the meeting in April 2012, the addition of an Information Governance Strategy report, and combining two separate Internal Audit reports into one Agenda item under 'Update of Counter Fraud Policies'.

Consultation

4. The Forward Plan is subject to discussion by members at each meeting, has been discussed with the Chair of the Committee and key corporate officers.

Options

5. Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

Analysis

6. Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

Council Plan 2011-15

7. This report is not relevant to the 5 priorities set out in the Council Plan.

Implications

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- (a) Financial There are no implications
- (b) Human Resources (HR) There are no implications
- (c) Equalities There are no implications
- (d)Legal There are no implications
- (e) Crime and Disorder There are no implications
- (f) Information Technology (IT) There are no implications
- (g)Property There are no implications

Risk Management

9. By not complying with the requirements of this report, the council will fail to have in place adequate scrutiny of its internal control environment and governance arrangements, and it will also fail to properly comply with legislative and best practice requirements.

Recommendations

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(a) The Committee's Forward Plan for the period up to December 2012 be noted.

Reason

To ensure the Committee receives regular reports in accordance with the functions of an effective audit committee.

(b) Members identify any further items they wish to add to the Forward Plan. Reason To ensure the Committee can seek assurances on any aspect of the council's internal control environment in accordance with its roles and responsibilities. **Contact Details** Chief Officer Responsible for the **Author:** report: Emma Audrain Keith Best Trainee Cipfa Accountant Assistant Director of CBSS (Financial Customer & Business Services) Telephone: 01904 551745 **Support Services** Telephone: 01904 551170 **Date** 01/02/2012 Report **Approved Specialist Implications Officers** Head of Civic, Democratic & Legal Services Wards Affected: Not applicable All

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Background Papers:

None

Annex

Audit & Governance Committee Forward Plan to December 2012