

VARIATIONS TO THE 2016/17 AUDIT PLAN

Additions to the plan are considered where:

- specific requests are received from the S151 Officer which are necessary for him to discharge his statutory responsibilities;
- new or previously unidentified risks result in changes to the priority of audit work;
- significant changes in legislation, systems or service delivery arrangements occur which have an impact on audit priorities;
- requests are received from customers to audit specific services, systems or activities usually as a result of weaknesses in controls or processes being identified by management;
- urgent or otherwise unplanned work arises as a result of investigations into fraud and other wrongdoing identifying potential control risks.

Additions to the audit plan are only made if the proposed work is considered to be of a higher priority than work already planned, the change can be accommodated within the existing resource constraints and the change has been agreed by the Head of Internal Audit.

Audits are deleted from the plan or delayed until later years where:

- specific requests are received from the S151 Officer or the audit customer and the grounds for such a request are considered to be reasonable;
- the initial reason for inclusion in the audit plan no longer exists;
- it is necessary to vary the plan to balance overall resources.

To reflect the contractual relationship between the council and Veritau, all proposed variations to the agreed audit plan arising as the result of emerging issues and/or requests from directorates will be subject to a change control process. Where the variation exceeds 5 days then the change must be authorised by the Director of CBSS. Details of variations are communicated to the Audit and Governance Committee for information.

2016/17 Audit Plan Variations

The following variations have been approved by the Director of CBSS since the approval of the Audit Plan in April 2016. The variation reduces the overall planned programme of work by 127 days.

Area of Plan	Days	Reason For Variation
Deletions / Reductions from the Audit Plan		
Counter Fraud	-127	Reduction in service to meet the council's budget saving for 2016/17. The reduction represents work on housing fraud, which should be charged to the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). This work will continue under revised arrangements, but be charged directly to the HRA.
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