

Report of the Director of CBSS (Portfolio of the Leader of the Council)

Audit & Governance Committee Forward Plan

Summary

1. This paper presents the future plan of reports expected to be presented to the Committee during the forthcoming year to February 2016.

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 April 2016. 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. Two amendments have been made to the Forward Plan since the previous version was presented to the Committee in March 2015.
4. A report from the Council's external Auditors Mazars on their review of the housing for older people project has been added to the agenda for the July meeting.
5. The LGA review update report has been deferred from June to the September meeting to allow time for the new administration to reflect on progress that has been made.

Consultation

6. 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

7. Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

Analysis

8. Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

Council Plan

9. This report contributes to the overall effectiveness of the Council's governance and assurance arrangements contributing to an 'Effective Organisation'.

Implications

10.
 - (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

11. 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

12. (a) The Committee's Forward Plan for the period up to April 2016 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.

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Specialist Implications Officers

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Wards Affected: Not applicable

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers: None

Annex

Audit & Governance Committee Forward Plan to April 2016