

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

## **Audit & Governance Committee Forward Plan to April 2017**

### **Summary**

1. This paper presents the future plan of reports expected to be presented to the Committee during the forthcoming year to April 2017.

### **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 2017. 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 May 2016. Both of these reports update Members with progress made on significant Governance issues from the 2014/15 Annual Governance Statement.
4. A project Management update report has been deferred from June until the Committees next meeting in July 2016.
5. A further follow up report on Attendance Management has been added to the Committees Agenda for December following a progress report presented to Committee in May 2016.

### **Peer Review**

6. In March 2016, the council opted to undergo a Peer challenge to assess how well we are meeting our aims to shape and deliver a strong vision for the authority and its services for the city. The Peer review team focused on three specific areas:

- Progress since the previous LGA peer challenges undertaken in June 2013 and November 2014
- Behaviours and relationships
- Future plans

7. Details of the Peer challenge and resulting action plan can be found on the Council's website at the link below:

[https://www.york.gov.uk/info/20036/performance\\_and\\_policies/31/peer\\_challenge](https://www.york.gov.uk/info/20036/performance_and_policies/31/peer_challenge)

8. The Executive is due to consider the peer report in July, where they will consider an action plan, and also the potential involvement of Scrutiny and/or Audit and Governance Committee. Subject to the Executives consideration, there may be matters that the Committee will consider at future meetings.

### **Consultation**

9. 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**

10. Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

### **Analysis**

11. Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

### **Council Plan**

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

### **Implications**

- 13.
- (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**

- 14. 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**

- 15.
  - (a) The Committee's Forward Plan for the period up to April 2017 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**

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## Background Papers:

None

## Annex

Audit & Governance Committee Forward Plan to April 2017