

Audit & Governance Committee Forward Plan to July 2013

Summary

1. This paper presents the future plan of reports expected to be presented to the Committee during the forthcoming year to July 2013.

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 July. 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. Four amendments have been made to the forward plan since the previous version was presented to this Committee in July 2012. Firstly The Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee has been postponed until the April meeting due to the recent change in the chair of the Committee.
4. Additionally the report on the mechanism for the Audit & Governance Committee to work with the Standards Committee to improve the oversight of Corporate Governance has been delayed until December to allow further research to be undertaken.
5. The Audit & Governance Committee effectiveness working group will not have completed its work to enable it to report back to the September meeting therefore this has been delayed until the December meeting.
6. Finally the update on the independent member of the Committee will be reported as part of the effectiveness working group report in

December as this issue is being considered under the remit of their work.

Consultation

7. 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

8. Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

Analysis

9. Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

Council Plan

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

Implications

11.
 - (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

12. 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

13.

- (a) The Committee's Forward Plan for the period up to July 2013 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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Wards Affected: Not applicable

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers:

None

Annex

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