

Audit & Governance Committee Forward Plan to December 2013

Summary

1. This paper presents the future plan of reports expected to be presented to the Committee during the forthcoming year to December 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 September. 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. There have been three amendments made to the forward plan since the previous version was presented to this Committee in December 2012.
4. An additional meeting has been scheduled for March 2013 in order to implement the recommendations of the Audit & Governance Committee Effectiveness Task Group.
5. Two additional items have also been added to this additional meeting. The Key Corporate Risk Monitor Quarter 4 (including ACE Risks) has been deferred from the February meeting. Additionally, a new report on restricting email access by members of the public has been added.
6. An additional item has been added to the April meeting entitled Information Governance Annual Report.

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 December 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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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

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