| AUDIT COMMITTEE  | AGENDA ITEM No. 12 |
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| 21 FEBRUARY 2022 | PUBLIC REPORT      |

| Report of:          |             | Chair of Audit Committee                     |              |
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| Cabinet Member(s) r | esponsible: | Councillor Coles, Cabinet Member for Finance |              |
| Contact Officer(s): | Dan Kalley, | Senior Democratic Services Officer           | Tel. 296 334 |

## **WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22**

## RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Audit Committee:

1. Notes and agrees the Work Programme for the municipal year 2021/22.

#### 1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This is a standard report to the Audit Committee which forms part of its agreed work programme. This report provides details of the Draft Work Programme for the following municipal year.

#### 2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The Work Programme is based on previous year's agendas. The programme can be refreshed throughout the year in consultation with senior officers and the Committee membership to ensure that it remains relevant and up to date. In addition, any delays in reporting issues are recorded so that they do not drop off the committee agenda.
- 2.2 Training for members on specific aspects of the Audit Committee agenda are available throughout the year and will be arranged on request and will take place on a separate day to that of the committee meeting.

#### 3. IMPLICATIONS

#### **Financial Implications**

3.1 There are none

## **Legal Implications**

3.2 There are none

#### **Equalities Implications**

3.3 There are none

#### 4. APPENDICES

4.1 Appendix A - Work Programme 2021/22

## **APPENDIX A**

| TE: 29 JULY 2021 - Complete                      | 29 JULY 2021 - Complete           |  |  |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|
|  | Section / Lead                    | Description  |  |
| Annual Governance Statement                      | Finance<br>Steve Crabtree         | To consider and endorse the development of the Annual Governance Statement as included in the accounts.  |  |
| Internal Audit: Annual Audit<br>Opinion          | Internal Audit<br>Steve Crabtree  | To receive, consider and endorse the annual Internal Audit Opinion for the year ended 31 March 2021.   |  |
| Investigations Team Annual<br>Report 2020 / 2021 | Internal Audit<br>Steve Crabtree  | To receive, consider and endorse the annual report on the investigation of fraud and irregularities for the year ended 31 March 2021.  |  |
| Insurance: Annual Report 2020 / 2021             | Internal Audit<br>Steve Crabtree  | To receive, consider and endorse the annual report on the delivery of Insurance Services for the year ended 31 March 2021.   |  |
| Budget Monitoring Outturn<br>2020 / 2021         | Finance<br>Pete Carpenter         | To receive, consider and endorse the Capital and Treasury outturn 2020/21  |  |
| Annual Governance Statement                      | Finance<br>Pete Carpenter         | To receive the final Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 incorporating the Annual Governance Statement together with the annual report to those charged with governance following their scrutiny by External Audit. |  |
| Audit Committee Effectiveness                    | Internal Audit<br>Steve Crabtree  | To receive and consider the self assessment of the effectiveness of the Audit Committee  |  |
| RIPA update                                      | Governance<br>Ben Stevenson       | To receive an update for Committee to note.  |  |
| INFORMATION AND OTHER ITEMS                      |                                   |  |  |
| Use of Consultants                               | Finance<br>Pete Carpenter         | To receive an update on the Use of Consultants across the organisation   |  |
| Approved Write-Offs<br>Exceeding £10,000         | Pete Carpenter / Chris<br>Yates   | To receive an update on write offs approved, which exceed the Council's financial regulation threshold of £10,000.   |  |
| Draft Work Programme 2021 / 2022                 | Democratic Services<br>Dan Kalley |  |  |

# DATE: 13 SEPTEMBER 2021 - Complete

|   | Section / Lead                               | Description  |
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|   |  |  |
| Risk Management: Strategic<br>Risks             | Governance<br>Pete Carpenter                 | To receive details of the strategic risks impacting on the Council and the mitigating actions to address these.    |
| Use of Consultants                              | Finance<br>Pete Carpenter                    | To receive an update on the use of Consultants   |
| External Audit: Annual Audit<br>Letter          | Ernst and Young                              | To receive and approve the External Annual Audit Letter identified as part of their audit works                    |
| RIPA Update                                     | Governance<br>Ben Stevenson                  |  |
| Shareholder Cabinet<br>Committee decisions      | Pippa Turvey/Fiona<br>McMillan<br>Governance | To note the decisions and recommendations from the Shareholder Cabinet Committee                                   |
| INFORMATION AND OTHER ITEMS                     |  |  |
| Approved Write-Offs<br>Exceeding £10,000 - None | Finance<br>Pete Carpenter                    | To receive an update on write offs approved, which exceed the Council's financial regulation threshold of £10,000. |
| Feedback report                                 | Democratic Services<br>Dan Kalley            |  |
| Work Programme 2020 / 2021                      | Democratic Services<br>Dan Kalley            |  |

# DATE: 29 NOVEMBER 2021 - Complete

|  | Section / Lead                   | Description  |
|--|----------------------------------|--|
| Audit Results Report – Year<br>Ended 31st March 2021 | Ernst and Young                  |  |
| Internal Audit: Mid Year<br>Progress Report          | Internal Audit<br>Steve Crabtree | To receive an update on progress against the Annual Audit Plan together with details of any concerns |

| Treasury Management<br>Strategy                                 | Finance Pete Carpenter            | Half year review as per requirements   |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| PSAA Opted-in Authority   | Finance<br>Pete Carpenter         |  |
| Audit Committee start times 2022/23                             | Dan Kalley<br>Democratic Services | Committee to agree it's start times for the municipal year 2022-23   |
| INFORMATION AND OTHER ITEMS                                     |                                   |  |
| Use of Consultants  | Finance<br>Pete Carpenter         | To receive an update on the Use of Consultants across the organisation   |
| Use of Regulation of<br>Investigatory Powers Act 2000<br>(RIPA) | Governance<br>Ben Stevenson       | To receive an update on the use of RIPA during the financial year reporting activity when required.                |
| Approved Write-Offs Exceeding £10,000                           | Pete Carpenter                    | To receive an update on write offs approved, which exceed the Council's financial regulation threshold of £10,000. |
| Feedback report   | Democratic Services<br>Dan Kalley |  |
| Work Programme 2019 / 2020                                      | Democratic Services<br>Dan Kalley |  |
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## DATE: 21 FEBRUARY 2022

|   | Section / Lead                    | Description  |
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| Internal Audit: Approach to Audit Planning                          | Internal Audit<br>Steve Crabtree  | To receive a report on the approach to Audit Planning  |
| National Fraud Initiative:<br>Investigating Allegations of<br>Fraud | Internal Audit<br>Steve Crabtree  | To receive a report setting out the latest outcomes in relation to tackling fraud and corruption through the National Fraud Initiative and future activities to protect the public purse |
| Audit Committee start time 2022/23                                  | Dan Kalley<br>Democratic Services | For committee to recommend its start time for 2022/23  |

| Use of Consultants  | Finance/HR<br>Nick Hutchins               | To receive an update on the use of consultants and agency staff  |
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| Treasury Management<br>Strategy                                 | Finance<br>Kirsty Nutton/Cecilie<br>Booth |  |
| INFORMATION AND OTHER ITEMS                                     |   |  |
| Use of Regulation of<br>Investigatory Powers Act 2000<br>(RIPA) | Governance<br>Ben Stevenson               | To receive an update on the use of RIPA during the financial year reporting activity when required.                |
| Shareholder Cabinet<br>Committee decisions                      | Pippa Turvey<br>Democratic Services       | To receive an update as to the decisions taken by Shareholder Cabinet Committee                                    |
| Approved Write-Offs Exceeding £10,000                           | Finance<br>Kirsty Nutton/Cecilie<br>Booth | To receive an update on write offs approved, which exceed the Council's financial regulation threshold of £10,000. |
| Feedback report   | Democratic Services<br>Dan Kalley         |  |
| Work Programme 2022 / 2023                                      | Democratic Services<br>Dan Kalley         |  |

| DATE: 21 MARCH 2022                                       |  |   |
|---|--|---|
|   | Section / Lead                               | Description   |
| Annual Statement of Accounts                              | EY & Finance                                 | To receive the annual statement of accounts and the end of year final report from EY    |
| Draft Annual Audit<br>Committee Report                    | Democratic<br>Service/Legal/Finance          | To receive the Draft Annual Audit<br>Committee Report prior to submission to<br>Council |
| Internal Audit: Draft<br>Internal Audit Plan 2022<br>2023 | Internal Audit / Steve Crabtree              | To receive and approve the Internal Audit Plan 2022 / 2023                              |
| Risk Management:<br>Strategic Risks                       | Governance<br>Kirsty Nutton/Cecilie<br>Booth | To receive an update on the strategic risks for the Council                             |
| INFORMATION AND OTHER ITEMS                               |  |   |
| Use of Consultants  | Finance<br>Nick Hutchins                     | To receive an update on the Use of Consultants across the organisation                  |

| Use of Regulation of<br>Investigatory Powers Act<br>2000 (RIPA) | Governance<br>Ben Stevenson               | To receive an update on the use of RIPA during the financial year reporting activity when required.                |
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| Approved Write-Offs<br>Exceeding £10,000                        | Finance<br>Kirsty Nutton/Cecilie<br>Booth | To receive an update on write offs approved, which exceed the Council's financial regulation threshold of £10,000. |
| Feedback report   | Democratic Services<br>Dan Kalley         |  |