



REPORT TO:	Governance and Audit Committee
DATE:	Thursday, 16 March 2023
SUBJECT:	Governance and Audit Committee Work Programme
PURPOSE:	To set out the Work Programme of the Governance and Audit Committee
KEY DECISION:	N/A
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercialisation & Partnerships
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WARD(S) AFFECTED:	N/A
EXEMPT REPORT?	No

SUMMARY

This report sets out the Work Programme of the Governance and Audit Committee and recommends that the Committee considers the Work Programme and identifies any additional items to be added to the Programme.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee gives consideration to the content of this report and identifies any issues for discussion.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To allow Committee members to feed into the Work Programme on a regular basis, to ensure that it stays relevant and up to date.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Do nothing

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Governance and Audit Committee regularly considers a variety of reports from Internal Audit, External Audit and the Section 151 Officer.
- 1.2 Many of these reports are considered at regular intervals, the majority being annually, half-yearly or quarterly.
- 1.3 In addition to these reports, the Committee also considers issues on an ad-hoc basis with some reports arising from consideration of items at previous meetings.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 Attached at Appendix A to this report is the Work Programme for the Governance and Audit Committee. It lays out the meeting dates for the 2022/23 municipal year. Alongside each of these meeting dates are issues considered by the Committee on a regular basis together with the author of the report, its purpose and whether it is mandatory, and the frequency with which it is considered.
- 2.2 It has been agreed that this Work Programme be a regular item for consideration on the Committee's agenda, thus creating a formal document laying out the work of the Committee in a clear, structured, and organised way.
- 2.3 The attached document contains items considered on a regular basis, and also any ad hoc issues as and when they arise, for example, issues raised at a meeting to be covered at a future meeting, and any one-off issues.
- 2.4 Attached at Appendix B is a schedule of training that has been undertaken since 2019, and a list of suggested future topics for training. This was considered at the meeting of the Committee on 17 March 2022, and will continue to be attached to this report for information, and to monitor progress.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 It is hoped, that in presenting the information to the Committee, and by having the report as a standing item on the agenda, it will allow Committee members to feed into the Work Programme on a regular basis, to ensure that it stays relevant and up to date.

4. EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP

- 4.1 The Work Programme is a formal document laying out the work of the Committee in a clear, structured, and organised way, thus providing members with up to date and relevant information.

5. IMPLICATIONS

5.1 SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP

- 5.1.1 None

5.2 CORPORATE PRIORITIES

5.2.1 None

5.3 STAFFING

5.3.1 None

5.4 CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.4.1 Constitutional and Legal implications have been considered and in the opinion of the author, there are none arising from this report. However, the Work Programme should assist in providing a clear programme of work for the Governance and Audit Committee in line with the requirements laid out in the Council's Constitution.

5.5 DATA PROTECTION

5.5.1 None

5.6 FINANCIAL

5.6.1 None

5.7 RISK MANAGEMENT

5.7.1 Risk Management implications have been considered and in the opinion of the author there are none. However, one of the roles of the Governance and Audit Committee is to monitor the effective development and operation of risk management and corporate governance in the Council, and the Work Programme should assist in keeping track of risk issues.

5.8 STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES

5.8.1 None

5.9 REPUTATION

5.9.1 None

5.10 CONTRACTS

5.10.1 None

5.11 CRIME AND DISORDER

5.11.1 None

5.12 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING

5.12.1 None

5.13 HEALTH AND WELL BEING

5.13.1 None

5.14 CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

5.14.1 None

6. ACRONYMS

6.1 None

APPENDICES

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -

APPENDIX A

Work Programme for the Governance and Audit Committee

APPENDIX B

Governance and Audit Committee training information

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body

REPORT APPROVAL

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