Report To:	Governance and Audit Committee
Date:	Thursday 13 November 2025
Subject:	Governance and Audit Committee Work Programme
Purpose:	To set out the Work Programme of the Governance and Audit Committee
Key Decision:	N/A
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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 considers 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 1 to this report is the Work Programme for the Governance and Audit Committee. It lays out the meeting dates for the 2025/26 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 2 is a schedule of training that has been undertaken since 2023. The document allows for the inclusion of suggested future topics for training. The purpose of Appendix 2 is to provide information and to monitor progress of training undertaken by Governance and Audit Committee members.

3. Conclusion

3.1 In presenting the information to the Committee, and by having the report as a standing item on the agenda, Committee members are able to feed into the Work Programme on a regular basis, to ensure that it stays relevant and up to date.

Implications

South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership

None

Corporate Priorities

None

Staffing

None

Workforce Capacity Implications

None

Constitutional and Legal Implications

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.

Data Protection

None

Financial

None

Risk Management

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.

Stakeholder / Consultation / Timescales

None

Reputation

None

Contracts

None

Crime and Disorder

None

Equality and Diversity / Human Rights / Safeguarding

None

Health and Wellbeing

None

Climate Change and Environmental Implications

None

Acronyms

None

Appendices

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

- Appendix 1 Work Programme for the Governance and Audit Committee
- Appendix 2 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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