



Report of Chief Officer Financial Services

Report to Corporate Governance and Audit Committee

Date: 15th March 2021

Subject: Work Programme

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Will the decision be open for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, access to information procedure rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

1. Purpose of this report

1.1 The Purpose of this report is to set out the proposed work programme for the coming Municipal Year. The draft work programme is attached at Appendix 1.

2. Background information

2.1 The work programme provides information about the future items for the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee agenda and when items will be presented. The work programme will be presented to the Committee for review at each meeting and can be updated appropriately in line with the risks currently facing the Council.

3. Main issues

3.1 The proposed work programme incorporates each of the annual assurance reports received by Committee which help to provide the assurances underpinning the Annual Governance Statement. Additional reports in relation to specific issues can be added as necessary throughout the municipal year.

3.2 The Ministry for Housing and Local Government are undertaking consultation with local authority Chief Executives as to the deadlines set out in the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 for approval and publication of the accounts. Whilst the outcome of this consultation is not yet known, Members will note that the proposed work programme recognises that the statutory timeframe for approval of the accounts and annual governance statement may alter and that amendments will be made to accommodate relevant items at appropriate times.

3.3 Members are requested to consider the work programme attached at Appendix 1 and determine whether any additional items need to be added to the work programme.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

4.1.1 This report consults seeks Members views on the content of the work programme of the Committee, so that it might meet the responsibilities set out in the committee's terms of reference.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

4.2.1 There are no equality and diversity or cohesion and integration issues arising from this report.

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

4.3.1 The work programme provides a balanced number of reports and assurances upon which the committee can assess the adequacy of the council's corporate governance arrangements.

Climate Emergency

4.3.2 It is proposed that Members receive a report relating to the climate emergency governance and controls in place.

4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money

4.4.1 It is in the best interests of the Council to have sound control arrangements in place to ensure effective use of resources, these should be regularly reviewed and monitored as such the work programme directly contributes to this.

4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

4.5.1 This report is not an executive function and is not subject to call in.

4.6 Risk management

4.6.1 By the Committee being assured that effective controls are in place throughout the Council the work programme promotes the management of risk at the Council.

5. Recommendations

5.1.1 Members are requested to consider the work programme and meeting dates at Appendix 1 and determine whether any additional items need to be added to the work programme.

6. Background documents¹

6.1 None

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.