

Governance Scrutiny Group

Thursday, 4 February 2021

Work Programme

Report of the Executive Manager – Finance and Corporate Services

1. Summary

- 1.1. The work programme is a standing item for discussion at each meeting of the Governance Scrutiny Group. In determining the proposed work programme due regard has been given to matters usually reported to the Group and the timing of issues to ensure best fit within the Council's decision making process.
- 1.2. The table does not take into account any items that need to be considered by the Group as special items. These may occur, for example, through changes required to the Constitution or financial regulations, which have an impact on the internal controls of the Council.
- 1.3. The future work programme will be updated and agreed at the next meeting of the Corporate Overview Group on 23 March 2021, including any items raised via the scrutiny matrix; however, it may also be necessary to take into account the impact of the elections in May 2021, and the purdah period on the scheduling of items/topics.
- 1.4. It is possible the scheduled meeting of Governance Scrutiny Group on the 18 May 2021 will need to be moved the end of June 2021 as a result of changes to the deadline for the Governance Statement. In addition, the Governance Scrutiny Group normally held in July to approve the Statement of Accounts (SoA) is likely to move to September in response to the anticipated change in statutory deadline for the SoA.

2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that the Group agrees the work programme as set out below:

18 May 2021

- External Audit Annual Plan
- Internal Audit Progress Report
- Internal Audit Annual Report
- Annual Governance Statement
- Work Programme

3. Reason for Recommendation

To enable the Council's scrutiny arrangements to operate efficiently and effectively.

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Background papers Available for Inspection:	None.
List of appendices (if any):	None.