

Governance and Audit Committee Work Plan 2025-2026

Item	Current Issues/Status	Outcome Sought
18 February 2026		
Statement of Accounts 2024/25	To be approved each year by the statutory deadline	To approve the 2024/2025 Statement of Accounts and their publication on the Council's website
18 March 2026		
Annual Report on Grants and Returns	External Audit's report on grants and returns for the year	To review and note the contents of the report
Internal Audit Progress Report	Update from the Council's Internal Auditors in respect of progress made against the plan	To review and note the contents of the report
Internal Audit Follow Up Report	Update from the Council's Internal Auditors in respect of progress made against the implementation of actions	To review and note the contents of the report
Indicative Internal Audit Plan 2026/27	Internal Audit to present the indicative Internal Audit Plan for 2026/2027	To review and note the contents of the report
Statement of Accounting Policies	Annual report prior to the preparation of the Statement of Accounts to ensure that the policies are up to date and in line with the CIPFA Code of Practice	To consider approving the Statement of Accounting Policies
Treasury Management Q3 Report	To update on the treasury management activities during quarter 3	To be noted by the Committee
Housing Benefit Subsidy Audit 2023-24	To provide an update regarding the outcome of the audited subsidy claim and Department for Work and Pension sign-off	To review and note the contents of the report

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Unscheduled		
Access to Information Working Group Update	Update on the meeting of the Access to Information Working Group	To review and note the contents of the report
Financial Regulations Implementation Update	An update following six months of the implementation of the Financial Regulations was requested at the 21 January 2026 meeting.	To review and note the contents of the report
Amendments to the Constitution	To consider a number of amendments to the Constitution.	Recommendation to Full Council
Items to be allocated as and when required		
Code of Conduct		
Code of Corporate Governance		
Constitutional Amendments		
Contract Procedure Rules		
Financial Regulations		
Risk Management Framework – due in 2027/28		
Counter Fraud, Bribery, and Corruption Strategy – due 2026/27		
Anti Money Laundering Policy – due 2026/27		
Whistleblowing Policy – due 2026/27		
Review of Subject Access Requests		
Committee Members meeting with auditors		

