

Governance and Audit Committee Work Plan 2026-27

Item	Current Issues/Status	Outcome Sought
June 2026		
Internal Audit Annual Report 2025/26	Annual report from the Internal Auditors	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
External Audit Plan	External Audit plan and strategy for year ended 31 March 2026	To review and note the contents of the report
Draft Annual Governance Statement 2025/26	Draft Annual Governance Statement 2025/26	To review and note the contents of the report
Strategic Risk Register	Strategic Risk Register is presented to the Committee every four months	To review and approve the Strategic Risk Register
Risk Management Annual Report 2025/26	Annual report of risk management activities undertaken during the year	To review and note the contents of the report
Whistleblowing Annual Report 2025/26	Annual report of whistleblowing	To review and note the contents of the report
Whistleblowing Policy 2026-2028	Whistleblowing Policy 2026-2028	To review and approve the Whistleblowing Policy 2026-2028
Corporate plan 2024-27 Key Performance Indicators report	To present the Council's performance against the Corporate Plan 2024-27 KPIs	To review and note the contents of the report

July 2026

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
General Fund Draft Financial Outturn 2025/26	Council's outturn position for the financial year 2025/26 for the General Fund	To review the contents of the report and consider approving any reserve movements, Capital slippages and creation of reserves for the General Fund
HRA Draft Financial Outturn 2025/26	Council's outturn position for the financial year 2025/26 for the HRA	To review the contents of the report and consider approving any reserve movements, Capital slippages and creation of reserves for the HRA
Treasury Management Annual Report 2025/26	Annual report on Treasury Management activities for 2025/26	Approve the Annual Report
Treasury Management Report Quarter 1 Report 2026/27	Update on Treasury Management activities for the first quarter of 2026/27	To review and note the contents of the report
Counter Fraud Annual Report 2025/26	Annual report of counter fraud activities undertaken during the year	To review and approve the contents of the report
Counter Fraud, Bribery, and Corruption Strategy 2026-28	Counter Fraud, Bribery, and Corruption Strategy 2026-28	To review and approve the Counter Fraud, Bribery, and Corruption Strategy 2026-28
Anti Money Laundering Policy 2026-28	Anti Money Laundering Policy 2026-28	To review and approve the Anti Money Laundering Policy 2026-28

September 2026

Housing Benefit Subsidy Claim 2024/25	To provide the outcome of the Housing Benefit (Subsidy) Assurance Process for 2024/25	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
Health and Safety Annual Report 2025/26	Annual report of H&S activities undertaken during the year	To review and note the contents of the report
Ombudsman Annual Report 2025/26	Annual report of complaints received and decisions made from the Local Government Ombudsman Letter	To review and note the contents of the report
Amendments to the Constitution		

November 2026

External Audit Annual Governance Report	Key findings arising from the statutory audit of the Council	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
Statement of Accounts 2025/26	To be approved each year by the statutory deadline	To approve the 2025/26 Statement of Accounts and their publication on the Council's website
Annual Governance Statement 2025/26	To consider the Draft Annual Governance Statement for 2025/26	To review and approve the Draft Annual Governance Statement 2025/26
Corporate Plan 2024-27: Key Performance Indicators Report	To present the Council's performance against the Corporate Plan 2024-27 KPIs	To review and note the contents of the report
Strategic Risk Register	Strategic Risk Register is presented to the Committee every four months	To review and approve the Strategic Risk Register
Safeguarding Annual Report 2025/26	Annual report of safeguarding	To review and note the contents of the report
Treasury Management Activity Updates Q2	Update on treasury management activities during the financial year for the Second Quarter	To review and note the contents of the report

January 2027

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
Indicative Internal Audit Plan 2027/28	Internal Audit to present the indicative Internal Audit Plan for 2027/28	To review and approve the indicative Internal Audit Plan for 2027/28
Treasury Management Strategy 2027/28	Council's indicative Treasury Management Strategy for 2027/28	To review and approve the indicative Treasury Management Strategy for 2027/28

March 2027

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 2027/28	Internal Audit to present the indicative Internal Audit Plan for 2027/28	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 Report Quarter 3 Report 2026/27	Update on Treasury Management activities for the third quarter of 2026/27	To review and note the contents of the report
Strategic Risk Register	Strategic Risk Register is presented to the Committee every four months	To review and approve the Strategic Risk Register

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
Risk Management Framework – due in 2027/28
Review of Subject Access Requests
Committee Members meeting with auditors