

North Somerset Council

REPORT TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING:	19TH MARCH 2015
SUBJECT OF REPORT:	AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015-16
TOWN OR PARISH:	ALL
MEMBER PRESENTING:	COUNCILLOR TONY MOULIN CHAIRMAN OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE
KEY DECISION:	NO

RECOMMENDATION

The Audit Committee considers and agrees an Audit Committee Work Programme 2015-16 (Appendix A).

1. SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report sets out the proposed work programme of the Audit Committee for 2015-16. It also shows the current provisional dates of the 2015/16 meetings and workshops.

2. POLICY

None

3. DETAILS

The details of the Audit Committee Work Programme are given in Appendix A.

As discussed at our September 2014 meeting when considering our Terms of Reference it was recommended that Treasury Management be considered as part of the Audit Committee's remit in terms of independent scrutiny.

Following discussion the Executive agreed at its December meeting that the Audit Committee can now scrutinise Treasury Management arrangements. To that end it is proposed to have two reports per year to the committee, one focussed on strategy and one focussed on performance.

4. CONSULTATION

The content of the Audit Committee Work Programme has been discussed with the relevant Council officers and Members of the Audit Committee.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

The work programme for the Audit Committee mitigates against any failure by the Council to obtain independent assurance in relation to the internal control, risk management and governance processes.

7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

None.

8. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

None.

9. OPTIONS CONSIDERED

In formulating the work programme the Committee pays due regard to its terms of reference contained within the council's constitution.

AUTHOR

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Councillor Tony Moulin - Chairman of the Audit Committee

Appendix A - Draft Audit Committee Work Plan 2015/16

Meeting Date	Proposed Agenda Items
Formal Meeting - 19 March 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internal Audit Annual Report 2014/15 - Internal Audit Plan 2015/16 - Counter Fraud Annual Report - Business Continuity Annual Report - Annual Governance Review Update - Grant Certification Report - External Audit Update Report
Workshop - July 2015 (Date TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audit Committee Overview - Refresher Session (Possible new Members to Committee) - Draft Accounts 2014/15(including Annual Governance Statement) - Roles & Responsibilities (External Auditor etc)
Formal Meeting - 10 September 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final Accounts 2014/15 - Governance Reports 2014/15 - Treasury Management Outturn 2014/15 - External Audit Annual Plan - Annual Report of Committee 2014/15
Formal Meeting - 01 December 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Transformation Programme Update - Corporate Risk Register Update - Internal Audit 6 Month Performance Update - Counter Fraud 6 Month Performance Update - External Audit Update Report
Formal Meeting – March 2016 (Date TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Treasury Management Strategy - Annual Governance Review Update - Internal Audit Annual Report 2014/15 - Internal Audit Plan 2015/16 - Counter Fraud Annual Report - Business Continuity Annual Report - Grant Certification Report - External Audit Update Report

Please Note Key Meeting Changes due to Local Elections –

- February & May Meetings Cancelled
- New Meeting on Thursday 19th March
- December 2015 Meeting now a formal Committee Meeting