

North Somerset Council

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| REPORT TO THE | AUDIT COMMITTEE |
| DATE OF MEETING: | 3 MARCH 2016 |
| SUBJECT OF REPORT: | AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PLAN |
| TOWN OR PARISH: | NONE |
| OFFICER/PRESENTING: | COUNCILLOR MARY BLATCHFORD – CHAIR OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE |
| KEY DECISION: | NO |

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Audit Committee notes the ongoing Work Plan for 2015/16.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report sets out the proposed work plan of the Audit Committee for 2015/16.

1. POLICY

None.

2. DETAILS

The details of the Audit Committee Work Plan are set out in Appendix A.

3. CONSULTATION

The content of the Work Plan has been discussed with relevant Council Officers and the Chair of the Committee and is refined on an ongoing basis.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications in relation to this report.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

Agreeing a work plan contributes to ensuring there is an effective Audit Committee. This helps to mitigate against any failure by the Council to obtain independent assurance in relation to demonstrating good governance.

6. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific equality implications.

7. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Good Corporate Governance and Risk Management is the responsibility of all officers and Members of the Council.

8. OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Members requiring further information are requested to refer to the agenda, reports and minutes of the Committee meetings posted on the council's website.

APPENDIX A - Current Audit Committee Work Plan 2015/16

| Meeting Date | Proposed Agenda Items |
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| Workshop – September 2015 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audit Committee Overview - Refresher Session - Draft Accounts 2014/15 (including Annual Governance Statement) - Roles & Responsibilities (External Auditor etc) |
| Formal Meeting - September 2015 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final Accounts 2014/15 - Governance Reports 2014/15 - Treasury Management Outturn 2014/15 - Anti-Bribery Policy - Annual Report of Committee 2014/15 - Work Plan 2015/16 |
| Formal Meeting - December 2015 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internal Audit Performance Update - Counter Fraud Performance Update - Corporate Risk Register Update - Transformation Programme Update - External Audit Update |
| Workshop – March 2016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Treasury Management (Strategy) (Led by Treasury Management Advisors) |
| Formal Meeting – March 2016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Treasury Management Strategy 2016/17 - Internal Audit Annual Report 2015/16 - Internal Audit Plan 2016/17 - Annual Governance Review 2015/16 - External Audit Plan Report - Grant Certification Report - External Audit Update Report |
| Informal Workshop – June/July 2016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annual Accounts - Annual Governance Statement - Corporate Risk Register Update |
| Formal Meeting – September 2016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final Accounts 2015/16 - Governance Reports 2015/16 - Treasury Management Outturn 2015/16 - Annual Report of Committee 2015/16 - Work Plan 2015/16 |
| Formal Meeting - December 2016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internal Audit Performance Update - Counter Fraud Plan & Performance Update - Corporate Risk Register Update - Transformation Programme Update - External Audit Update |