

Report to Audit Committee

Future Training of the Audit Committee

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Reason for Decision

This is the first meeting of the Audit Committee in the Municipal Year 2021/22. This Committee has a key role in the Governance of the Authority and at the meeting it is planned for key officers to discuss future training to be provided for Members to enable them to discharge their role.

Executive Summary

The Committee contains some Members who have been appointed to the Committee in previous years and some new Members who have no Audit Committee experience. The role the Committee undertakes for the Council is an important one, providing challenge and scrutiny across all areas of the Council's activities. It involves oversight of some technically complex issues such as Treasury Management and is required to approve the Statement of Accounts.

It is thought appropriate at the first meeting of the Committee, to outline the thoughts of key officers on providing training to Members. Members can then highlight if they feel this is appropriate, discuss with Officers any specific areas for emphasis and consider the timing of training sessions.

Recommendations

That Members of the Audit Committee consider and agree upon areas for training during 2021/22.
