Audit Committee Work Programme for the 2026/27 Municipal Year

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Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Summary of Report Issue
2026/27		
Wednesday 22 July 2026 at 6.00 pm	External Audit Update	A progress update from the Council's External Auditors Forvis Mazars.
	Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Progress Report Q4 2025/26 & Q1 2026/27.	An update report on the progress made by the Internal Audit Service.
	Weak and Limited Opinion Reports	A report on Weak or Inadequate / Limited Audit Opinions issued for the Committee's consideration.
	Proposed Audit Committee Work Programme	This report detailing the proposed work programme.
	Payroll Progress Report	A report by the Assistant Director of Workforce & Organisational Culture providing Members with an update on developments within the Payroll Service.
	2025/26 Annual Audit and Opinion Report to Audit Committee	This is the Annual Report of the Chief Internal Auditor on the overall Internal Control Environment of the Council for the financial year 2025/26.
	Update on progress on audit reports contributing toward the 2024/25 Limited annual assurance opinion	An Update on progress on audit reports contributing toward the 2024/25 Limited annual assurance opinion.
	Draft 2025/26 Annual Statement of Accounts	This is the report to the Audit Committee on the draft Statement of Accounts which also details the outturn for the financial year 2025/26.
	Treasury Management Review 2025/26	The annual review of Treasury Management for 2025/26 by the Audit Committee.
	Self-Assessment of the work undertaken by the Audit Committee during 2025/26, and Annual Report to Council.	An assessment of the Committee's effectiveness during the year 2025/26 and draft Annual Report to full Council on the work of the Committee for the year including the Committee's action plan for self-development.

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	Forvis Mazars – Enquiries of Management	Draft responses to provide key assurances to support the External Audit Process which are then discussed by the Committee.
	Members Allowances	A report by the Assistant Director of Governance on work undertaken in respect of Member allowances.
Wednesday 9th September 2026, 6.00pm	Update on External Audit Matters and Audit Completion Report 2025/26.	An update produced by the External Auditor of issues to be brought to the attention of this Committee, including presentation of the 2025/26 Audit Completion report
September/October 2026 - Date TBC	Private meeting of the Committee with the Council's External Auditors (Forvis Mazars LLP) and the Head of Audit and Counter Fraud following completion of the External Auditor's review of the Council's 2025/26 Financial Statements.	
Wednesday 25th November 2026, 6.00 pm	Update on External Audit Matters.	An update produced by the External Auditor of issues to be brought to the attention of this Committee.
	Update on progress on audit reports contributing toward the 2024/25 and 2025/26 Limited annual assurance opinion	An update on progress on audit reports contributing toward the 2024/25 and 2025/26 Limited annual assurance opinion.
	Weak and Limited Opinion Reports	A report on Weak or Limited Audit Opinions issued for the Committee's consideration.
	Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Progress Report Q2	An update report on the progress made by the Internal Audit Service.
	Proposed Audit Committee Work Programme	This report detailing the proposed work programme.
	Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policies	Refreshed and updated suite of the Council's Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policies and Procedures.

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	Payroll Progress Report	A report by the Assistant Director of Workforce & Organisational Culture providing Members with an update on developments within the Payroll Service.
	Treasury Management Q1	The planned scrutiny of the Treasury Management Q1 update.
	Update on the Corporate Risk Register	A report on the Corporate Risk Register.
	Impact and Effectiveness of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny functions.	A report on the Impact and Effectiveness of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny functions.
	Local Code of Corporate Governance	This is an update to the previously agreed Local Code of Corporate Governance.
Wednesday 20th January 2027, 6.00pm	External Audit Update	A progress update from the Council's External Auditors Forvis Mazars.
	Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2027/28	This report sets out the proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2027/28 to support the Corporate Objectives of the Council.
	Q2 Treasury Management Update	A report outlining Treasury Management activity in Quarter 2 of 2026/27.
	Internal Audit Progress Report Q3	This is the routine report on the progress made against the agreed audit and counter fraud plan.
	Weak and Inadequate Opinion Reports	A report on Weak or Inadequate Audit Opinions issued for the Committee's consideration.
	Update on progress on audit reports contributing toward the 2024/25 and 2025/26 Limited annual assurance opinion	An Update on progress on audit reports contributing toward the 2024/25 and 2025/26 Limited annual assurance opinion.
	Updated Audit Committee Work Programme.	A report detailing the proposed work programme.

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	Update on the Corporate Risk Register	A report on the Corporate Risk Register.
Wednesday 24 March 2027, 6.00pm	External Audit Update	A progress update from the Council's External Auditors Forvis Mazars.
	Update on progress on audit reports contributing toward the 2024/25 and 2025/26 Limited annual assurance opinion	An Update on progress on audit reports contributing toward the 2024/25 and 2025/26 Limited annual assurance opinion.
	Final Accounts – Proposed Accounting Policies and Critical Judgements	In line with best practice, approval is sought for the significant accounting policies and critical judgements to be adopted in preparation for the completion of the Statement of Accounts.
	Internal Audit Charter 2027/28	An updated Internal Audit Charter for the financial year 2027/28.
	2027/28 Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Plan	The proposed plan of work for the financial year 2027/28 to enable review by the Committee.
	Audit Committee Work Programme for 2026/27 and a proposed programme for the future financial year.	A report detailing the remainder of the 2026/27 work programme and proposed work programme for 2027/28.
	Update on the Corporate Risk Register	An update on the Corporate Risk Register.
	Delegated Grant Acceptances	A report on grants accepted under delegated authority.