



AUDIT COMMITTEE – TUESDAY 29TH JANUARY 2019

SUBJECT: AUDIT COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report the Audit Committee Forward Work Programme.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 The Audit Committee Forward Work Programme is essential to ensure that the committee agendas reflect its responsibilities in the reviewing and consideration of the Authorities financial affairs and financial statements, including the oversight of the internal and external audit arrangements of the Council and the reviewing and assessment of risk management, internal control and corporate governance arrangements.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

3.1 The operation of an Audit Committee is to provide direction concerning the accounting records and control systems of the Council and is required by the Accounts and Audit Regulation (Wales) 2005 and Local Government Act 1972. The Audit Committee Forward Work Programme contributes to the following Well-being Goals within the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2016 by ensuring there is effective overview of financial, governance and risk management procedures:

- A prosperous Wales
- A resilient Wales
- A healthier Wales
- A more equal Wales
- A Wales of cohesive communities
- A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language
- A globally responsible Wales

4. THE REPORT

4.1 The Audit Committee forward work programme includes all reports that were identified at the Audit Committee meeting on 16th October 2018. The work programme outlines the reports planned for Audit Committee until October 2019.

4.2 The Audit Committee Forward Work Programme is a working document and is updated regularly when additional reports are identified by Members and Officers. The forward work programme is made up of reports identified by officers and members and the Committee will review this work programme at every meeting going forward.

4.3 The Audit Committee Forward Work Programme is attached at Appendix 1.

5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

5.1 This report contributes to the well-being goals as set out in links to strategy above. It is consistent with the five ways of working as defined within the sustainable development principle by ensuring the audit function is effective when reviewing the financial, governance and risk management procedures of the Council.

6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no specific equalities implications arising as a result of this report.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no specific financial implications arising as a result of this report.

8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no specific personnel implications arising as a result of this report.

9. CONSULTATIONS

9.1 There are no consultation responses that have not been included in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That Members consider any changes and agree the final forward work programme.

11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 To improve the operation of the Audit Committee.

12. STATUTORY POWER

12.1 Accounts and Audit Regulation (Wales) 2005

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 Audit Committee Forward Work Programme.