

Governance and Audit Committee Work Plan (as at 1 July 2026)

Purpose:

This report provides a summary of items of business at upcoming meetings.

Recommendation: That members note the contents of the report.

Date	Title	Lead Officer	Purpose of the report	Date First Published
Governance & Audit				
21 July 2026				
21 Jul 2026	Strategic Risks	Katy Allen, Corporate Governance Officer	Outlining the new Strategic Risks and how the process will work starting 2026-27	20 May 2026
21 Jul 2026	Internal Audit Progress Report	Aaron Macdonald, RSM UK Consulting	Latest progress against the Internal Audit Plan	22 June 2026
21 Jul 2026	Internal Audit Follow up report	Aaron Macdonald, RSM UK Consulting	Follow up report from Internal Audit on outstanding actions	20 May 2026
21 Jul 2026	Unaudited Statement of Accounts 2025/26	Caroline Capon, Corporate Finance Team Leader	The 2025/26 Unaudited Statement of Accounts is presented for Scrutiny.	20 May 2026
21 Jul 2026	National Scheme of Delegation for planning decisions	Russell Clarkson, Head of Planning	To undertake preparations for the commencement of a national scheme of delegation for planning decisions, expected to come into force in September 2026	20 May 2026
21 Jul 2026	Draft Annual Governance Statement	Lisa Langdon, Assistant Chief Executive - Governance (Monitoring Officer)	To present the draft AGS for comment.	20 May 2026
21 Jul 2026	Internal Audit Annual Report 2025.26	Aaron Macdonald, RSM	Annual report outlining progress during	20 May 2026

		UK Consulting	2025/26 by Internal Auditors RSM UK Consulting.	
21 Jul 2026	Member Training and Development Annual Report	Jenna Comins, Civic Engagement and Member Development Officer	To review Member training and development for civic year 2025/26 and plans for civic year 2026/27. To approve the updated terms of reference for the Member Development Group To approve the revised Member Training and Development Plan	11 June 2026
21 Jul 2026	VFM Commentary	Debra Chamberlain, KPMG	Update report on the Value For Money (VFM) commentary.	
29 September 2026				
29 Sep 2026	Internal Audit Progress Report	Aaron Macdonald, RSM UK Consulting	Latest progress report on completed audits for information	11 June 2026
29 Sep 2026	Final AGS	Lisa Langdon, Assistant Chief Executive - Governance (Monitoring Officer)	To present the final Annual Governance Statement for approval	11 June 2026
24 November 2026				
24 Nov 2026	Annual External Audit Report 2024/2025	Caroline Capon, Corporate Finance Team Leader	To present to Members with the Annual External Audit report summarising all external work carried out pertaining to 2025/26 financial statements and other returns.	20 May 2026
24 Nov 2026	Audited Statement of Accounts 2025/26	Caroline Capon, Corporate Finance Team Leader	The 2025/26 Statement of Accounts are presented for Scrutiny and adoption.	20 May 2026
24 Nov 2026	Internal Audit Progress report	Aaron Macdonald, RSM UK Consulting	Latest progress report on completed audits for information	11 June 2026
24 Nov 2026	Report to those charged with Governance - EXTERNAL AUDIT COMPLETION REPORT -	Sue Leversedge, Head of Finance (Deputy Section	To present to those charged with governance, the External Audit report	

	ISA 260	151)	on the quality of the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement 2025/26.	
24 Nov 2026	Procurement Exceptions	Sue Leversedge, Head of Finance (Deputy Section 151)	To present a list of procurement exceptions granted under delegation between 1 October 2025 and 30th September 2026 to Governance and Audit Committee.	
19 January 2027				
19 Jan 2027	Six monthly Strategic Risk Report	Katy Allen, Corporate Governance Officer	Overview of the Strategic Risk Register	11 June 2026
19 Jan 2027	Internal Audit progress report	Aaron Macdonald, RSM UK Consulting	Latest progress report on completed audits for information	11 June 2026
13 April 2027				
13 Apr 2027	Accounts Closedown 2026/27 Accounting Matters	Caroline Capon, Corporate Finance Team Leader	To review and approve the accounting policies, actuary assumptions and materiality levels that will be used for the preparation of the 2026/27 accounts.	20 May 2026
13 Apr 2027	Internal Audit progress report	Aaron Macdonald, RSM UK Consulting	Latest progress report on completed audits for information	11 June 2026