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**Meeting:** Audit Committee  
**Date:** 4th April 2011  
**Subject:** 2011/12 Audit Committee Outline Work Programme  
**Report of:** Director of Customer and Shared Services  
**Summary:** This report sets out the proposed work programme for the Audit Committee for 2011/12.

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Contact Officer: Kathy Riches, Head of Audit  
Public/Exempt: Public  
Wards Affected: All  
Function of: Audit Committee

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Council Priorities:**

An effective Audit Committee will indirectly contribute to all of the Council's priorities.

### **Financial:**

Although there are no financial risks from the issues identified in the report, the outcome of an effective Audit Committee is for the Council to better manage its risks, thereby increasing protection from adverse events.

### **Legal:**

None arising directly from the report.

### **Risk Management:**

None arising directly from the report. However, the Audit Committee has a role in providing independent assurance on the adequacy of the risk management framework and associated control environment, in line with the Corporate Risk Management Strategy.

### **Staffing (including Trades Unions):**

None directly from this report.

### **Equalities/Human Rights:**

None directly from this report.

### **Community Safety:**

None directly from this report.

**Sustainability:**

None directly from this report.

**RECOMMENDATION:****That the Audit Committee:**

1. **Agrees the Work Programme as attached at Appendix A.**

**Background**

1. In order for the Audit Committee to discharge its responsibilities, as detailed in the Constitution, a proposed work programme has been developed.
2. Appendix A contains the key agenda items that the Committee will need to consider during the year.
3. Additional items may be identified during the year.

**Conclusion and Next Steps**

4. The Work Programme is an outline proposal at this stage and is subject to change as the year progresses, as determined by the Audit Committee.

**Appendices:**

Appendix A Proposed Audit Committee Work Programme 2011/12.

**Background Papers:**

None

**Location of papers:** Priory House, Chicksands, Bedfordshire