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**Meeting:**        **Audit Committee**

**Date:**            **8 April 2013**

**Subject:**        **2013/14 Audit Committee Outline Work Programme**

**Report of:**      **Chief Finance Officer**

**Summary:**      This report sets out the proposed work programme for the Audit Committee for 2013/14.

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Advising Officer:        Chief Finance Officer

Contact Officer:        Kathy Riches , Head of Internal Audit and Risk

Public/Exempt:        Public

Wards Affected:        All

Function of:            Audit Committee

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Council Priorities:**

The activities of the Audit Committee are crucial to the governance arrangements of the organisation and as such are supporting all of the priorities of the Council.

### **Financial:**

1.        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:**

2.        None arising directly from the report.

### **Risk Management:**

3.        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):**

4.        None directly from this report.

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

5.        None directly from this report.

**Public Health**

6. None directly from this report.

**Community Safety:**

7. None directly from this report.

**Sustainability:**

8. None directly from this report.

**Procurement:**

9. None directly from this report.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**The Committee is asked to agree the Work Programme as attached at Appendix A.**

**Background**

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

**Conclusion and Next Steps**

13. 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 2013/14.

**Background Papers:**

None

**Location of papers:**

N/A