

## Governance and Audit Committee

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7 March 2019

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Title	Work Programme 2018-19		
Wards affected	Not applicable		

### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report sets out the current Work Programme 2018-2019 for the Governance and Audit Committee. This provides details of the reports that are scheduled for each meeting during the municipal year.

### 2. Recommended Decision

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the contents Committee's Work Programme for 2018-19.

### 3. Alternative Options

- 3.1 This function forms part of the Committee's Terms of Reference and, as such, no alternative options are presented.

### 4. Background Information

- 4.1 The Governance and Audit Committee deals with the approval of the Council's Statement of Accounts, audit, other miscellaneous regulatory matters and standards.
- 4.2 The Committee's work programme will evolve as the Municipal Year progresses and items of business are commenced and concluded. At each meeting the opportunity is taken for the work programme to be reviewed and, if necessary, amended according to current circumstances.

The 2019/20 Municipal years' Work Programme will be discussed at the first annual Governance and Audit Committee on the 25 June 2019.

### 5. Standard References

- 5.1 There are no particular references to publicity or consultation considerations; or financial; equality, diversity and human rights; community safety; health and safety or risk management implications.

### 6. Strategic Plan References

- 6.1 Governance is integral to the delivery of the Strategic Plan's priorities and direction for the Borough as set out under the four themes of growth, responsibility, opportunity and wellbeing.
- 6.2 The Council recognises that effective local government relies on establishing and maintaining the public's confidence, and that setting high standards of self governance provides a clear and demonstrable lead. Effective governance underpins the implementation and application of all aspects of the Council's work.

## **WORK PROGRAMME 2018-19**

<b>Meeting date / Agenda items</b>
<b>Governance and Audit Committee - 5 June 2018</b>
<b>Governance and Audit Committee briefing – 31 May 2018</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 2018/19 Audit and Certification Fees letter</li> <li>2. Draft Annual Statement of Accounts 2017/18</li> <li>3. Year End Internal Audit Assurance Report 2017/18</li> <li>4. Review of the Governance Framework and Draft Annual Governance Statement</li> <li>5. Committee on Standards in Public Life Consultation on Local Government Ethical Standards Response</li> </ol>
<b>Governance and Audit Committee - 10 July 2018</b>
<b>Governance and Audit Committee briefing – 3 July 2018</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Annual Statement of Accounts 2017/18</li> <li>2. Review of Meetings and Ways of Working Update</li> </ol>
<b>Governance and Audit Committee - 4 September 2018</b>
<b>Governance and Audit Committee briefing – 28 August 2018</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Colchester Borough Homes Annual Report and Governance Statement</li> <li>2. 2017/18 Year End Review of Risk Management</li> <li>3. Annual Audit Letter</li> <li>4. Publication of Annual Statement of Accounts 2017/18</li> <li>5. Financial Monitoring Report – April to June 2018</li> <li>6. Capital Expenditure Monitor 2018/19</li> </ol>
<b>Governance and Audit Committee - 30 October 2018</b>
<b>Governance and Audit Committee briefing – 23 October 2018</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual Review 2017/18</li> <li>2. Mid-Year Internal Audit Assurance Report 2018/19</li> <li>3. Health and Safety Policy and Annual Report</li> <li>4. Equality and Safeguarding Annual Update</li> </ol>
<b>Governance and Audit Committee – 13 November 2018</b>

<b>Governance and Audit Committee Briefing – 8 November 2018</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Treasury Management – Half Yearly Update</li> <li>2. Review of the Council's Ethical Governance Policies</li> <li>3. Review of the Members' Code of Conduct and the Council's "Arrangements"</li> <li>4. Gifts and Hospitality – Review of Guidance for Councillors and Policy for Officers</li> <li>5. Review of Local Code of Corporate Governance</li> <li>6. Income and Debt Policy</li> <li>7. Member/Officer Protocol Review</li> </ol>
<b>Governance and Audit Committee - 15 January 2019</b>
<b>Governance and Audit Committee briefing – 8 January 2019</b>
<b>**CANCELLED**</b>
<b>Governance and Audit Committee - 7 March 2019</b>
<b>Governance and Audit Committee briefing – 26 February 2019</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Certification of Claims and Returns External Audit Annual Report 2017-18</li> <li>2. Audit Plan year ended 31 March 2019</li> <li>3. Capital Expenditure Monitor 2018/19 – April to December 2018</li> <li>4. Financial Monitoring Report – April to December 2018</li> <li>5. Brexit – governance and business continuity</li> <li>6. Review of the Draft Refreshed Business Plans, Governance and Performance of the Council's Wholly-Owned Companies.</li> <li>7. Risk Management Progress Report</li> <li>8. Annual Review of Business Continuity</li> <li>9. Interim Review of the Annual Governance Statement Action Plan</li> <li>10. Internal Audit Plan 2019/20</li> <li>11. Work Programme for 2018-19.</li> </ol>