

GOVERNANCE & ETHICS COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME (as at 4 October 2023)

<u>Report Title</u>	<u>Brief Summary of agenda item</u>	<u>Lead Officer</u>	<u>Report Author</u>
16 October 2023			
Update on Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Decisions	To consider any recent findings of the Local Government Ombudsman in complaints made against the County Council	Marie Rowney	Richard Elston
EHC Annual Review update report	To update the committee on performance against national targets	Peter McConnochie	Robert Briggs
Financial Regulation Waivers	To report on the number and value of financial waivers granted through 2021/22	Nigel Stevenson	Kaj Ghattaora
Update on use of resources by Councillors	Annual update to the Committee on the use of resources by Councillors	Marjorie Toward	Jo Toomey
Attendance at the LGA conference and exhibition – July 2023	To provide a summary of the conference to the Committee	Adrian Smith	Jane Goodenough
Best Value Standards and Intervention	To provide the committee with the Council's response to Government consultation	Nigel Stevenson	Nigel Stevenson
29 November 2023			
Update on Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Decisions	To consider any recent findings of the Local Government Ombudsman in complaints made against the County Council	Marie Rowney	Richard Elston
Whistleblowing Policy Review	To consider the outcome of the review	Marjorie Toward	Heather Dickinson/ Catherine Haywood
Internal Audit Term 1 Progress and Term 3 Plan 2023/24	To consider proposed audit coverage for Term 3	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey
Annual Audit Findings report 2022/23	To consider the Annual Audit Findings	Nigel Stevenson	Glen Bicknell
Statement of Accounts	To seek approval for the 2021/22 Statement of Accounts and present the External Auditor's Audit Findings Report	Nigel Stevenson	Glen Bicknell
Follow-Up of Internal Audit recommendations – 6 monthly update	To consider an update on progress with implementing agreed actions from Internal Audit reports	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey
Governance Update	To consider progress against the Governance Action Plan for 2022/23	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey
10 January 2024			

Update on Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Decisions	To consider any recent findings of the Local Government Ombudsman in complaints made against the County Council	Marie Rowney	Richard Elston
Internal Audit Charter	To review the Charter for the operation of internal audit in the Council	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey
Regulation of Investigatory Powers Annual Report	To consider the use of Investigatory Powers	Marjorie Toward	Heather Dickinson
Counter Fraud Report	To update the committee on work undertaken to date in 2023/24	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey
Review of Arms Length Organisations	To review the governance arrangements of Arms Length Organisations	Nigel Stevenson	Derek Higton
28 February 2024			
Update on Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Decisions	To consider any recent findings of the Local Government Ombudsman in complaints made against the County Council	Marie Rowney	Richard Elston
Annual Audit Report 2022/23	To inform Members of the External Auditors' Annual Audit Report	Nigel Stevenson	Glen Bicknell
Internal Audit Term 2 Progress 2023/24 and Term 1 Plan 2024/25	To consider proposed audit coverage for Term 1	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey
Corporate Governance Update	To receive an update on progress against the Annual Governance Statement action plan for 2022/23	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey
17 April 2024			
Update on Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Decisions	To consider any recent findings of the Local Government Ombudsman in complaints made against the County Council	Marie Rowney	Richard Elston
Review of the improvements to communication	To review the impact of the measures introduced by Adult Social Care Financial Services following corporate review and in response to LGSCO decision findings	Sue Batty	Nicola Peace
Statement of Accounts – 2023 – 24 Accounting Policies	To review and approve the proposed accounting policies used in creating the Statement of Accounts for 2023/24	Nigel Stevenson	Glen Bicknell
Governance and Ethics Committee Annual Report	To consider the draft annual report	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey
19 June 2024			
Update on Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Decisions	To consider any recent findings of the Local Government Ombudsman in complaints made against the County Council	Marie Rowney	Richard Elston

Assurance Mapping Annual Report	To review the assurance provided from the map in 2022/23 and consider coverage for 2023/24	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey
Internal Auditor's Annual Report	To consider the Head of Internal Audit's annual opinion of the arrangements for governance, risk management and control	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey
Head of Internal Audit's Annual Report 2023/24	To inform the Committee of the Annual Report for 2023/24 and opinion on adequacy of arrangements for governance, risk management and control	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey
Follow-Up of Internal Audit recommendations – 6 monthly update	To consider an update on progress with implementing agreed actions from Internal Audit reports	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey
Use of the Councillors Divisional Fund 2023/24	To provide an annual update on the use of the Councillor's Divisional Fund for 2022/23	Marjorie Toward	Keith Ford
24 July 2024			
Update on Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Decisions	To consider any recent findings of the Local Government Ombudsman in complaints made against the County Council	Marie Rowney	Richard Elston
Term 3 Progress 2023/24 and Term 2 Plan 2024/25	To consider proposed audit coverage for Term 2	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey
Annual Fraud Report 2022-23	To review the incidence of fraud over the year and an update on risks and mitigations	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey