

GOVERNANCE & ETHICS COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME (as at 8 December 2022)

<u>Report Title</u>	<u>Brief Summary of agenda item</u>	<u>Lead Officer</u>	<u>Report Author</u>
22 February 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 update	To update the committee on whistleblowing activity during 2022	Marjorie Toward	Heather Dickinson
Attendance at Key National Conferences	To update approvals for attendance at key national conferences	Marjorie Toward	Keith Ford
22 March 2023			
Annual Audit Findings Report 2021/22	To consider the Annual Audit Findings.	Nigel Stevenson	Glen Bicknell
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 2021/22	To consider the external auditor's annual audit report for 2021/22	Nigel Stevenson	Glen Bicknell
Corporate Risk Management Update	To consider the updated corporate risk register and the Council's arrangements for corporate risk management	Nigel Stevenson	Keith Palframan
Corporate Governance Update	To receive an update on progress against the Annual Governance Statement action plan for 2022/23	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey
Internal Audit Term 2 (2022-23) Report and Term 1 Plan 2023-24	To review the outcomes of Internal Audit's recent work and consider proposals for planned coverage in the next term	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey
Councillor Code of Conduct Review	To consider the findings of the working group	Marjorie Toward	Heather Dickinson
Update on Communication improvement's	To update the committee on the communication improvements raised via previous considerations of Ombudsman Report	Melanie Williams	Nicola Peace
3 May 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
Governance and Ethics Committee Annual Report	To consider the draft annual report	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey
Statement of Accounts 2022-23 – Accounting Policies	To consider the draft annual report and recommend to full council for consideration	Nigel Stevenson	Glen Bicknell

Informing the risk assessment – 2022-23 Statement of Accounts	To consider the risk assessment	Nigel Stevenson	Glen Bicknell
Corporate Risk Management 6-monthly update	To consider the updated corporate risk register and developments in the Council's approach to risk management	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
14 June 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
External Audit Plan 2022-23	To consider the External Audit Plan for the forthcoming audit	Nigel Stevenson	Glen Bicknell
Assurance Mapping Annual Report 2022-23	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
Update on the use of the Councillor's Divisional Fund	To consider the annual update	Marjorie Toward	Keith Ford
19 July 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
Annual Fraud Report 2020-21	To review the incidence of fraud over the year and an update on risks and mitigations	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey
Internal Audit Term 3 progress 2022/23 and Term 2 plan 2023/24	To consider proposed audit coverage for Term 2	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey

Items for 2023/24 (Committee dates to be confirmed)

November 2023			
Whistleblowing Policy Review	To consider the outcome of the review	Marjorie Toward	Heather Dickinson/ Catherine Haywood