

**GOVERNANCE & ETHICS COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME (as at 15 November 2023)**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Brief Summary of agenda item</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Report Author</b>
<b>10 January 2024</b>			
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
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
<b>28 February 2024</b>			
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
Review of Arms Length Organisations	To review the governance arrangements of Arms Length Organisations	Nigel Stevenson	Derek Higon
Whistleblowing Policy Annual Update	To consider the outcome of the review	Marjorie Toward	Heather Dickinson/ Catherine Haywood
<b>17 April 2024</b>			
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

Governance Update	To consider progress against the Governance Action Plan for 2023/24	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey
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
<b>19 June 2024</b>			
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
Annual Governance Statement 2023 – 24	To consider the draft statement for 2023/24	Nigel Stevenson	Simon Lacey
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
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
<b>24 July 2024</b>			
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