

GOVERNANCE & ETHICS COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME (as at 9 April 2024)

<u>Report Title</u>	<u>Brief Summary of agenda item</u>	<u>Lead Officer</u>	<u>Report Author</u>
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
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
Outcomes of the Strengthening Overview and Scrutiny Review	To consider and agree recommendations from the independent scrutiny review and refer them to Overview Committee for implementation.	Marje Toward	Heather Dickinson
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
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
Informing the Risk Assessment – 2023-24 Statement of Accounts	To consider the Risk Assessment for the Statement of Accounts	Nigel Stevenson	Glen Bicknell
External Audit Plan 2023-24	To consider the External Audit Plan for the forthcoming audit	Nigel Stevenson	Glen Bicknell

Review of Improvements in Communications – Adult Social Care Financial Services	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
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
Review of Whistleblowing Policy	To consider the outcomes of a review of the Council's current Whistleblowing Policy	Marjorie Toward	Heather Dickinson/Emma Hunter
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
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
4 September 2024			
16 October 2024			
Review of Arms Length Organisations	To review the governance arrangements of Arms Length Organisations	Nigel Stevenson	Derek Higton
27 November 2024			

