

REPORT FOR RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE: Audit Committee
DATE: 4th December 2008
SUBJECT: Committee Work Programme to June 2009
REPORT OF: The City Solicitor

PURPOSE OF REPORT:

To present a updated and revised work programme for consideration by the Audit Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To approve the work programme to June 2009.

FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR REVENUE BUDGET: None

FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR CAPITAL BUDGET: None

WARDS AFFECTED:

None

IMPLICATIONS FOR:

Antipoverty	Equal Opportunities	Environment	Employment
No	No	No	No

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Minutes of the Audit Committee – 2006-2008.

Background

1. In this, the third year of Audit Committee business, a clearer picture is emerging of the spread of business to be considered by the Committee in the delivery of a wide-ranging remit.
2. Concerns have been expressed that the agenda for certain past meetings has been over-burdened. This is partly due to the consideration of items in which the Committee has to fulfil a statutory duty within a given timescale, but, that apart, it ought to be possible with better forward planning to structure a work programme that marries business items with those elements that are essentially immovable.
3. The attached programme (Appendix 1) therefore identifies all the items that the Interim Head of Internal Audit, the Head of Finance and Grant Thornton (the Council's Auditors) are proposing to report to the Committee in the period up to June 2009, those that the Committee has previously requested, together with items emerging from the Action Plan in relation to Audit Committee effectiveness. In future years the intention will be to marry the work programme to ensure that it is co-terminous with the Internal Audit Plan and other Council plans.