

### **AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Thursday, 17 January 2019

# **CURRENT POSITION OF THE WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19 (REP1793)**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1. At its meeting on 15 March 2018 the Committee approved its Work Programme for 2018/19, which reflects the Terms of Reference of the Committee set out in the Council's Constitution. The Work Programme shows proposed timings for the individual reports planned for the year.
- 2. When approving the Work Programme Members noted that it was a live document and may be subject to change over the coming year.
- 3. The current position of the Committee's Work Programme is provided at each meeting of the Committee, and the Work Programme as it currently stands is set out at Appendix A to this report for Members' information.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
Wards Affected:	All Wards in the District
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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

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#### 2 FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

2.1 The Work Programme is based around the Committee's Terms of Reference as set out in the Council's Constitution.

#### 3 HOW DOES THIS RELATE TO EAST SUFFOLK BUSINESS PLAN?

3.1 The Committee's Work Programme supports the Vision and Critical Success Factors set out in the East Suffolk Business Plan, with particular emphasis on Resources.

#### 4 CONSULTATION

4.1 Annual consultation with the Council's Finance and Audit Teams ensures that the Work Programme fulfils the Committee's Terms of Reference as set out in the Council's Constitution. The Work Programme is then approved by the Committee in March each year, and reviewed at each meeting to ensure it remains a live document.

#### 5 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 It is good practice for the Committee to be involved in the setting of its annual Work Programme, and to review it quarterly, and therefore the option of not having a Work Programme to guide the Committee's quarterly meeting cycle was not considered.

#### 6 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

6.1 To provide the Committee with an opportunity to review its Work Programme for 2018/19.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the current position of the Committee's Work Programme for 2018/19 be noted and reviewed if necessary.

APPENDICES	
Appendix A	Audit & Governance Committee Current Work Programme 2018/19

# AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2018-19

\*Indicates subject to change due to the progression of the creation of East Suffolk Council

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Annual Audit Letter for the Year Ended 31 March 2018 (REP1789)	S Taylor/Ernst & Young (E & Y)
<ul> <li>External Audit Plan for 2018/19 (REP1796)</li> <li>Internal Audit: Progress against the Audit Plan 2018-19 (REP1791)</li> <li>Whistle Blowing Policy (REP1857)</li> <li>Current Position of the Work Programme (REP1793)</li> <li>Internal Controls – Status Update – Contracts, Asset Management &amp; Health &amp; Safety Records with Partners – Interim Update (REP1969) - EXEMPT</li> <li>Internal Audit Status of Recommendations (EXEMPT standing item REP1774)</li> <li>Internal Audit Recently Issued Reports (EXEMPT standing item REP1860)</li> </ul>	S Taylor/E&Y S Martin S Martin S Davis K Blair S Martin S Martin
Meeting Date: Thursday, 7 February 2019 (O&S Joint Meeting with A&G) – CHANGED TO O&S MEETING ONLY	
Meeting Date: Thursday, 7 March 2019	
<ul> <li>Standards Review, including Declarations of Gifts/Hospitality and Complaints (REP1900)</li> </ul>	H Slater
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## PLEASE NOTE:

The following previously added items are no longer required due to the imminent creation of East Suffolk Council:

- Communication and Engagement Strategy (NR) (REP1432)
- Tree Preservation Order to change the Constitution (REP1847)