

# Audit, Best Value and Community Services (ABVCS) Scrutiny Committee



## Future work at a glance

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<b>Items that appear regularly at committee</b>	
Internal Audit Progress Reports	Summary of quarterly key audit findings, highlighting significant control issues and reporting on delivery of the audit plan and internal audit services' performance against performance indicators.
Strategic risk monitoring log	The latest version of the County Council's strategic risk register.
The Council's <b>Forward Plan</b>	<p>The latest version of the Council's <b>Forward Plan</b> is included on each scrutiny committee agenda. The Forward Plan lists all the key County Council decisions that are to be taken within the next few months together with contact information to find out more. It is updated monthly.</p> <p>The purpose of doing this is to help committee Members identify important issues for more detailed scrutiny <i>before</i> key decisions are taken. This has proved to be significantly more effective than challenging a decision once it has been taken. As a last resort, the <b>call-in</b> procedure is available if scrutiny Members think a Cabinet or Lead Member decision has been taken incorrectly.</p> <p>Requests for further information about individual items on the Forward Plan should be addressed to the listed contact. Possible scrutiny issues should be raised with the scrutiny team or committee Chairman, ideally before a scrutiny committee meeting.</p>

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Committee work programme	This provides an opportunity for the committee to review the scrutiny work programme for future meetings and to highlight any additional issues they wish to add to the programme.
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## ***Future committee agenda items***

### ***Presenting officer***

### **18 November 2014**

Annual update on usage of Agency Staff	Annual update on the usage of agency staff at East Sussex County Council and progress on establishing the bank of casual staff.	Kevin Foster, Chief Operating Officer
Procurement at East Sussex County Council	A procurement performance update including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apprenticeships</li> <li>• Local area spend</li> <li>• The savings tracker.</li> </ul>	Laura Langstaff, Head of Procurement
Strategic Workforce Plan and People Strategy	A report on the Strategic Workforce Plan and People Strategy, once they have been agreed and put in place, to help the Committee gain a better understanding of how they will help to develop the required cultural and behavioural changes across the Council necessary to achieve the BSD outcomes. This report is provisionally for the November meeting.	Kevin Foster, Chief Operating Officer
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	To provide the Committee with further information relating to the RPPR process that was requested at the last Committee meeting.	Becky Shaw, Chief Executive

### **17 March 2015**

External Audit Plan 2014/15	Sets out in detail the work to be carried out by the Council's external auditors.	Chief Financial Officer and external auditors
External Audit Report on Grants Claim	External auditors are required to certify certain grant claims; this is an annual report	Chief Financial Officer and

<b>Future committee agenda items</b>		<b>Presenting officer</b>
Certification	summarising that grant work and highlights the key issues arising.	external auditors
External Audit Plan for East Sussex Pension Fund 2014/15	To consider and comment upon the External Audit Plan for the East Sussex Pension Fund for 2014/15.	Chief Financial Officer and external auditors
Reconciling policy, performance and resources (RPPR)	Update on outcomes from the 2014/15 process and lessons to take forward.	Paul Dean, Scrutiny Manager
<b>23 June 2015</b>		
Internal Audit Strategy 2015/16 and Annual Plan	Sets out the internal audit strategy, including key themes and detailed coverage across departments for the year ahead.	Russell Banks, Head of Assurance
Internal Audit Services – Annual Report and Opinion 2014/15	Provides an overall opinion on the Council’s framework of internal control; summarises the main audit findings and performance against key indicators.	Russell Banks, Head of Assurance
Monitoring Officer’s Annual Review of the Corporate Governance Framework	Sets out an assessment of the effectiveness of the Council’s governance arrangements and includes an improvement plan for the coming year, and the corporate assurance statement which will form part of the statement of accounts.	Philip Baker, Assistant Chief Executive

Current scrutiny reviews and other work underway	Date available
<p><b>Agile Working Reference Group</b> Reference Group comprising Cllrs Blanch, Barnes, Keeley, Standley and Whetstone that meets with key officers to comment on the progress of the Agile Programme after key stages in the Programme.</p> <p><b>Public Health Seminar</b> A seminar to provide a detailed briefing on the public health performance indicators and public health outcomes framework.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>TBC 2014</p>

Potential future scrutiny work (Proposals and ideas for future scrutiny topics appear here)
<p><b><u>East Sussex Better Together (ESBT) / Health and social care integration:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use of the Better Care Fund (BCF)</li> <li>• impact on support for people with long term conditions</li> </ul> <p><b><u>(Proposal to establish a join review board with representatives from four scrutiny committees to investigate the cross cutting impacts of the ESBT programme)</u></b></p> <p><b>Library and Information services</b> Future updates (as necessary) on initiatives for income generation including sales, library fines and franchising.</p> <p><b>Future of Communications team in East Sussex County Council</b> A report on the proposed future of the Communications Team.</p> <p><b>Updates on the progress of the School Risk Review Group</b> The Committee to be kept informed of how the School Risk Review Group has reduced reputational and financial risk to the Council from schools once its plans have been fully implemented.</p>

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**Public Health**

The Committee to receive the technical report on infrastructure changes to Beachy Head in order to demonstrate that the expenditure on infrastructure would be beneficial and the best use of resources.

The Committee to be kept informed of the Public Health Department's commissioning programme, such as the tranche reviews and one off projects.

<b>Background / information reports available to the Committee (Items in this list appear on committee agendas only when proposed for scrutiny by committee members)</b>		<b>Date available</b>
Carbon Reduction	To consider progress in preparing for the carbon reduction commitment energy saving scheme and to reduce energy consumption.	Annually

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