

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



Future work at a glance

Updated: November 2017

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Items that appear regularly at committee	
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 Forward Plan	<p>The latest version of the Council's Forward Plan 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 call-in 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>
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.

<i>Future committee agenda items</i>		<i>Presenting officer</i>
22 March 2018		
Internal Audit Progress Report	Internal Audit Progress report – Quarter 3, 2017/18 (01/10/17 – 31/12/17)	Nigel Chilcott, Senior Audit Manager/Russell Banks, Chief Internal Auditor
Internal Audit Strategy and Plan	Consideration of the Internal Audit Strategy and Plan for 2018/19	Russell Banks, Chief Internal Auditor
Strategic Risk Monitoring	Strategic risk monitoring report – Quarter 3, 2017/18 (01/10/17 – 31/12/17)	Rawdon Phillips, Risk & Insurance Manager /Russell Banks, Chief Internal Auditor
External Audit Plan 2017/18	This report sets out in detail the work to be carried out by the Council's External Auditors.	Ian Gutsell, Chief Finance Officer & External Auditors/ Ola Owolabi, Head of Accounts and Pensions
External Audit Report on Grants Claim Certification 2016/17	External auditors are required to certify certain grant claims; this is an annual report summarising that grant work and highlights the key issues arising.	Ian Gutsell, Chief Finance Officer & External Auditors/ Ola Owolabi, Head of Accounts and Pensions
External Audit Plan for East Sussex Pension Fund 2017/18	To consider and comment upon the External Audit Plan for the East Sussex Pension Fund for 2017/18.	Ian Gutsell, Chief Finance Officer & External Auditors/ Ola Owolabi, Head of Accounts and Pensions
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	To provide the Committee with an opportunity to review its input into the RPPR process and receive feedback on how scrutiny input has been reflected in final plans. Any issues arising can be reflected in the future committee work programme.	Scrutiny / Chief Executive

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13 July 2018		
Internal Audit Services Annual Report and Opinion 2017/18	An overall opinion on the Council's framework of internal control, summarises the main audit findings and performance against key indicators (includes Internal Audit Progress report – Quarter 4, 2017/18, 01/01/18 – 31/03/18).	Russell Banks, Chief Internal Auditor / Nigel Chilcott, Senior Audit Manager
Strategic Risk Monitoring	Strategic risk monitoring report – Quarter 4, 2017/18 (01/01/17 – 31/03/18)	Rawdon Phillips, Risk & Insurance Manager /Russell Banks, Chief Internal Auditor
Review of Annual Governance Report & 2017/18 Statement of Accounts	Report of the external auditors following their audit of the Council's statutory accounts. It allows the committee to review the issues raised and assess the management response.	External Auditors/ Ian Gutsell, Chief Finance Officer / Ola Owolabi, Head of Accounts and Pensions
Review of Pension Fund Annual Governance Report and 2017/18 Statement of Accounts	Report of the external auditors following their audit of the Pension Fund. It allows the committee to review the issues raised and assess the management response.	External Auditors/ Ian Gutsell, Chief Finance Officer / Ola Owolabi, Head of Accounts and Pensions
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
20 September 2018		
Internal Audit Progress Report	Internal Audit Progress report – Quarter 1, 2018/19 (01/04/18 – 30/06/18)	Russell Banks, Chief Internal Auditor / Nigel Chilcott, Senior Audit Manager

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Strategic Risk Monitoring	Strategic risk monitoring report – Quarter 1, 2018/19 (01/04/18 – 30/06/18)	Rawdon Phillips, Risk & Insurance Manager /Russell Banks, Chief Internal Auditor
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	RPPR 2019/20. The Committee will start the process of examining the savings plans and Portfolio Plans for those services within the remit of the Committee.	Scrutiny / Chief Executive / Senior Officers
22 November 2018		
Internal Audit Progress Report	Internal Audit Progress report – Quarter 2, 2018/19 (01/07/18 – 30/09/18)	Nigel Chilcott, Senior Audit Manager/Russell Banks, Chief Internal Auditor
Strategic Risk Monitoring	Strategic risk monitoring report – Quarter 2, 2018/19 (01/07/18 – 30/09/18)	Rawdon Phillips, Risk & Insurance Manager/Russell Banks, Chief Internal Auditor
Annual Audit Letter	To consider the Annual Audit letter and fee update from the External Auditor	Ian Gutsell, Chief Finance Officer / Ola Owolabi, Head of Accounts and Pensions
Treasury Management	To consider a report on the review of Treasury Management performance for 2017/18 and for outturn for the first six months of 2018/19, including the economic factors affecting performance, the Prudential Indicators and compliance with the limits set within the Treasury Management Strategy.	Ian Gutsell, Chief Finance Officer / Ola Owolabi, Head of Accounts and Pensions
Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR)	RPPR 2019/20. The Committee will consider additional information requested at the September meeting.	Scrutiny / Senior Officers

Current scrutiny reviews and other work underway	Date available
<p>Libraries' Transformation Programme. The Scrutiny Committee has formed a Review Board which is acting as a Reference Group in the development of the Libraries Strategic Commissioning Strategy (SCS), which looks at the future provision of library services in East Sussex. The Review Board will submitted comments on the draft SCS to Cabinet in September, and will be undertaking further work on the Strategy proposals.</p>	<p>March 2018.</p>

Potential future scrutiny work (Proposals and ideas for future scrutiny topics appear here)

Background / information reports circulated to the Committee (Items in this list are circulated to Members by email and appear on committee agendas only when proposed for scrutiny by committee members)	Date to be circulated

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