

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



Future work at a glance

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*This list is updated after each meeting of the scrutiny committee
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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.

Future committee agenda items		Presenting officer
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
Job Vacancy Rate	A report providing details of the job vacancy rate within East Sussex County Council	Ian Gutsell, Chief Finance Officer
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
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.	Sarah Mainwaring, Head of HR and Org Development
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

Potential future scrutiny work (Proposals and ideas for future scrutiny topics appear here)
<p>Treasury Management Strategy. The Committee has considered the Treasury Management Strategy and how ESCC structures its investments at the RPPR Board in December. A revised Treasury Management Strategy was agreed by Cabinet and Full Council in February. The Committee will consider whether further scrutiny work required on the Treasury Management Strategy.</p> <p>Community Asset Transfer (CAT) policy. The Committee will consider whether to undertake further scrutiny work on the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) policy for council owned land and buildings, once it has examined the existing policy.</p>

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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