## AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING DATE 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023

## **WORK PLAN**

| Meeting date at which action to be undertaken | Subject and Brief Description                               | Who will present the report | Intended Outcome  |
|---|---|-----------------------------|---|
| TBC JUNE 2023                                 | Training session on Statement of Accounts                   | Andrew Snape                | Ensure that the Committee has the appropriate skills to be able to review the Council's Statement of Accounts and consider the integrity of financial reporting   |
| 14 June 2023                                  | Treasury Management Outturn Report 2022/23                  | Andrew Snape                | Gain assurance that treasury management activities were in line with the Treasury Management Strategy for the past financial year   |
|   | Fraud Risk Assessment                                       | Nick Wilson                 | Gain assurance that the Council understands its fraud risks and that actions are put in place to address them   |
|   | Counter-Fraud Activity Report                               | Nick Wilson                 | Gain assurance that counter-fraud activity is appropriately targeted and effective  |
|   | External Audit Plan for 2022/23 Accounts                    | David Hoose (Mazars)        | Ensure that an appropriate plan is in place which will provide assurance on the Council's Statement of Accounts, Value for Money arrangements and Grant claims  |
|   | Statement of Accounts 2022/23 & Annual Governance Statement | Nick Wilson                 | Gain assurance on the integrity of financial reporting By considering the assurance gained through its activities throughout the previous year, to give assurance that the Council's Annual Governance Statement accurately represents governance arrangements, that future risks are |

|                   |   |   | identified, and that arrangements in place support the achievement of the Council's objectives   |
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|                   | Annual Internal Audit Report 2022/23  | Fiona Roe (TIAA) Philip Lazenby (TIAA) Lucy Pledge (Assurance Lincolnshire) | Gain assurance that the Council's Annual Governance Statement accurately represents governance arrangements, that future risks are identified and that governance arrangements support the achievement of the Council's objectives |
|                   | Internal Audit Progress Report 2023/24  | Fiona Roe (TIAA) Philip Lazenby (TIAA) Lucy Pledge (Assurance Lincolnshire) | Understand the level of assurance for audited activities and ensure management progress recommended actions to mitigate identified risks   |
|                   | Code of Conduct Annual Standards Report for the Period 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023 | Sue Bearman   | To provide details of Code of Conduct complaints received in 2022/23   |
| 26 July 2023      | TBC   |   |  |
| 27 September 2023 | Internal Audit Progress Report 2023/24  | Fiona Roe/Phil Lazenby (TIAA<br>Ltd)  | Understand the level of assurance for audited activities and ensure management progress recommended actions to mitigate identified risks   |
| 22 November 2023  | Treasury Performance half-yearly report   | Andrew Snape  | Gain assurance that treasury management activities are in line with the current Treasury Management Strategy   |
|                   | Internal Audit Progress Report 2023/24  | Fiona Roe/Phil Lazenby (TIAA<br>Ltd)  | Understand the level of assurance for audited activities and ensure management progress recommended actions to mitigate identified risks   |
|                   | Counter-Fraud Activity Report   | Nick Wilson   | Gain assurance that counter-fraud activity is appropriately targeted and effective   |
|                   | Risk Management report  | Richard Bates   | Gain assurance that appropriate risk management arrangements are in place  |

|                  | Annual Audit Report 2022/23  | Mark Surridge (Mazars)               | Gain assurance on the Council's Statement of Accounts and arrangements for achieving Value for Money  |
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| 14 February 2024 | Annual Review of the Council's Whistleblowing Policy   | Sue Bearman                          | A summary of actions taken will be reported back to Committee as an annual report   |
|                  | Annual Review of the Gifts and Hospitality Protocol and Policy                               | Sue Bearman                          | An annual review of the operation of the Council's Gifts and Hospitality arrangements   |
|                  | Draft Treasury Strategy 2024/25  | Andrew Snape                         | Gain assurance that risks in relation to the Council's treasury management activities are to be managed in accordance with need and the Council's risk appetite |
|                  | Draft Capital Strategy 2024/25   | Andrew Snape                         | Outlines the principles and framework that shape the Council's capital proposals  |
|                  | Draft Investment Strategy 2024/25  | Andrew Snape                         | The investment strategy is a new report for 2019/20, meeting the requirements of statutory guidance issued by the government.                                   |
|                  | Review of significant internal control issues highlighted in the Annual Governance Statement | Nick Wilson                          | Gain assurance that the Council is making progress on any governance issues that were raised in the AGS   |
|                  | Internal Audit Progress Report 2024/25   | Fiona Roe/Phil Lazenby (TIAA<br>Ltd) | Understand the level of assurance for audited activities and ensure management progress recommended actions to mitigate identified risks                        |
| 24 April 2024    | Annual Review of the Council's Constitution  | Sue Bearman                          | Review the Council's Constitution   |
| ТВС              | Review of the Council's Governance Arrangements  | Sue Bearman                          | Review the Council's Governance<br>Arrangements   |