## AUDIT & ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE 7 FEBRUARY 2018

## **WORK PLAN**

Meeting at which action to be undertaken	Subject and Brief Description	Who will present the report	Intended Outcome
26 April 2017	Statement of Accounting Policies for 2016/17 accounts	Nicola Pickavance	Gain assurance that the Council has appropriate accounting policies in place that reflect the way items are treated in the annual Statement of Accounts
	IAS19 Pension Assumptions for 2016/17 accounts	Nicola Pickavance	Gain assurance that the pension assumptions used by the actuary to produce the figures in the Statement of Accounts are appropriate for the Council's circumstances
	Setting date for Statement of Accounts training session	Nicola Pickavance	
	Internal Audit Progress Report 2017/18	Lucy Pledge/John Sketchley (Assurance Lincolnshire)	Understand the level of assurance for audited activities and ensure management progress recommended actions to mitigate identified risks
	External Audit Plan for 2016/17 accounts	Jonathan Gorrie/Helen Brookes (KPMG)	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
	Initiating the Biannual Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit Function	Nicky Lovely	To consider whether the Internal Audit function is operating effectively and produce an action plan to address any required improvements
	Counter-Fraud Activity Report	Nicky Lovely	Gain assurance that counter-fraud activity is appropriately targeted and effective
	Audit Committee Work Programme	Nicky Lovely	
19 June 2017	Biannual Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit Function	Nicky Lovely	To consider whether the Internal Audit function is operating effectively and produce an action plan to address any required improvements

20 July 2017	Training session on Statement of Accounts	Nicola Pickavance	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
26 July 2017	Briefing session on the role of the Committee, and the role of Internal and External Audit	Nicky Lovely	Ensure that the Committee has the appropriate skills to perform its assurance and governance role
26 July 2017	Treasury Management Outturn Report 2016/17	Tara Beesley	Gain assurance that treasury management activities were in line with the Treasury Management Strategy for the past financial year
	External Audit Annual Governance Report 2016/17	Jonathan Gorrie/Helen Brookes (KPMG)	To gain assurance that the Council's Statement of Accounts are a true and fair representation of the Council's financial performance for the previous financial year and financial standing as at the Balance Sheet date, and that the Council has effective arrangements for achieving Value for Money
	Statement of Accounts 2016/17 & Annual Governance Statement	Nicky Lovely / Nicola Pickavance	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
	Internal Audit Progress Report 2017/18	Lucy Pledge/John Sketchley (Assurance Lincolnshire)	Understand the level of assurance for audited activities and ensure management progress recommended actions to mitigate identified risks
	Annual Internal Audit Report 2016/17	Lucy Pledge/John Sketchley (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
	Results of the Review of the Assessment of Effectiveness of the Internal Audit Function	Nicky Lovely	Gain assurance that the Internal Audit function is operating effectively and that an action plan is in place to address any required improvements
	Report on interim arrangements for S151 Officer		Gain assurance that appropriate arrangements re financial governance are in place
	Audit Committee Work Programme	Nicky Lovely	
29 November 2017	Treasury Performance half-yearly report	Tara Beesley	Gain assurance that treasury management activities are in line with the current Treasury Management Strategy
	Internal Audit Progress Report 2017/18	Lucy Pledge/John Sketchley (Assurance Lincolnshire)	Understand the level of assurance for audited activities and ensure management progress recommended actions to mitigate identified risks
	Annual Audit Letter 2016/17	Jonathan Gorrie/Helen Brookes (KPMG)	Gain assurance on the Council's Statement of Accounts and arrangements for achieving Value for Money
	Counter-Fraud Activity Report	Nicky Lovely	Gain assurance that counter-fraud activity is appropriately targeted and effective
	Responses to questions raised at previous meeting	Nicky Lovely	
	Audit Committee Work Programme	Nicky Lovely	
29 November 2017	Treasury Management Training Session	Arlingclose Ltd	Ensure that the Committee has the appropriate skills to be able to review the Council's Treasury Management Strategy and performance reports
7 February 2018	Draft Treasury Strategy 2018/19	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 2018/19	Andrew Snape	Outlines the principles and framework that shape the Council's capital proposals

	Internal Audit Progress Report 2017/18	Lucy Pledge/John Sketchley (Assurance Lincolnshire)	Understand the level of assurance for audited activities and ensure management progress recommended actions to mitigate identified risks
	External Certification of Grant Claims and Returns 2016/17	Jonathan Gorrie/Helen Brookes (KPMG)	Gain assurance that claims and returns have been managed appropriately,
	Risk Management report	Richard Bates	Gain assurance that appropriate risk management arrangements are in place
	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
	Draft Annual Internal Audit Plan 2018/19	Lucy Pledge/John Sketchley (Assurance Lincolnshire)	Ensure that an appropriate plan is in place which will provide assurance on the Council's activities
	Responses to questions raised at previous meeting	Nick Wilson	
	Audit Committee Work Programme	Nick Wilson	
25 April 2018	Statement of Accounting Policies	Andrew Snape	Gain assurance that the Council has appropriate accounting policies in place that reflect the way items are treated in the annual Statement of Accounts
	IAS19 Pension Assumptions	Andrew Snape	Gain assurance that the pension assumptions used by the actuary to produce the figures in the Statement of Accounts are appropriate for the Council's circumstances
	Property, Plant and Equipment Valuation Assumptions	Andrew Snape	Gain assurance that the assumptions used by the Council's valuers to produce the figures in the Statement of Accounts are appropriate for the Council's circumstances
	Internal Audit Progress Report 2017/18	Lucy Pledge/John Sketchley (Assurance Lincolnshire)	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
	External Audit Plan for 2017/18 Accounts	Jonathan Gorrie/Helen Brookes (KPMG)	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
Fraud Risk Assessment	Nick Wilson	Gain assurance that the Council understands its fraud risks and that actions are put in place to address them
Responses to questions raised at previous n	neeting Nick Wilson	
Audit Committee Work Programme	Nick Wilson	