

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

REPORT:	AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	
DATE OF DECISION	20 July 2023	
REPORT TITLE:	AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24	
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CONTAINS EXEMPT INFORMATION?	NO	Public
WARDS AFFECTED:	N/A	

1 SUMMARY OF REPORT

- 1.1 The report sets out the future work programme for the Audit and Governance Committee for noting, consideration and comment.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

For the reasons given in this report, the Audit and Governance Committee is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note, consider and comment on the work programme as detailed in this report.

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 This report supports the role and responsibility of the Committee in terms of reviewing the current identified work programme.

4 BACKGROUND AND DETAILS

- 4.1 The table attached at Appendix A sets out the items currently scheduled for the future Audit and Governance Committee meetings for the municipal year 2023/24. This Work Programme will be considered at every meeting of the Committee to enable it to respond to issues of concern and incorporate any additional items.

5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 No other options considered.

6 CONSULTATION

6.1 This Work Programme is subject to consultation with Members of the Audit and Governance Committee.

7. CONTRIBUTION TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES

7.1 Mayor's Business Plan - Priority 4: Ensure good governance is embedded and adopt best practice.

8. IMPLICATIONS

8.1 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1.1 The implementation of the recommendations contained in this report shall be contained within existing budgets.

8.1.2 Comments approved by Lesley Shields, Head of Finance for Assistant Chief Executive and Resources on behalf of the Director of Finance. 10/7/23

8.2 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.2.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the contents of the recommendations in this report.

8.2.2 Comments approved by Sandra Herbert, Head of Litigation and Corporate Law on behalf of the Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer. (Date 07/07/2023)

8.3 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

8.3.1 As a Public Sector Authority we will be required to promote the Public Sector Equality Duties (PSED) as detailed below.

- (i) Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation.
- (ii) Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- (iii) Foster or encourage good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

8.3.2 Failure to meet these requirements may result in the Council being exposed to costly, time consuming and reputation-damaging legal challenges.

8.3.3 This report is exempt from an EQIA as it does not affect service delivery and sets out the future work programme for the Audit and Governance Committee.

8.3.4 Comments were approved by John Mukungunugwa, Interim Senior Equality Officer on behalf of Denise McCausland, Equalities Programme Manager. Date: 10/07/2023

8.4 HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

8.4.1 There are no immediate HR implications arising from the contents of this report. Should any matters arise, these will be managed under the appropriate Council policies and procedures.

8.4.2 Comments approved by Gillian Bevan, Head of HR Resources and Assistant Chief Executives Directorates on behalf of the Chief People Officer. (Date 06/07/2023)

9. APPENDICES

Appendix A: 2023-24 Work Programme Audit and Governance Committee

10 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None