

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Audit and Governance Committee

Date: 25 November 2024

Report of: Monitoring Officer and Assistant Director (Finance and ICT)

Subject: COMMITTEE REPORT

SUMMARY

This regular report seeks to update Members on a variety of assurances which are within the functions of the Audit and Governance Committee, which do not require a full report in their own right. The report is set out into two parts. Part One is for noting and Part Two sets out those items for approval or endorsement.

Included in this quarter's report is, the Committee's Work Programme to note, with no items for endorsement by the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Audit and Governance Committee note the contents of Part One of the report for information.

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this report is to reduce the number of agenda items by including items in one report that are significant but do not justify a full report in their own right. Part One includes matters for noting by the Committee and as usual includes the Committee Work Programme. At this meeting there are no items included in Part Two for endorsement.

PART ONE: Matters for noting

ACCOUNTABILITY

Work Programme

2. The standard item in this part of the Committee report is the Committee's Work Programme for 2024/25. The full work programme was endorsed by Council in April this year and Appendix A sets out a simplified version of the Work Programme highlighting any changes since the last meeting. This provides the Committee with an opportunity to note and comment on the work of the Committee throughout the municipal year.
3. There are two items that have slipped in the work programme since the last meeting:
 - (a) The External Audit Annual report for 2023/24
 - (b) The review of the Local Code of Corporate GovernanceBoth items are expected to be ready for the March 2025 meeting.

PART TWO: Matters for endorsement

4. There are no matters for the Audit and Governance to consider within Part Two.

RISK ASSESSMENT

5. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report.

CONCLUSION

6. Members are asked to note the contents of Part One of this report.

Appendices:

Appendix A: Work Programme 2024/25

Background Papers: None

Reference Papers:

Audit and Governance Work Programme – 11 March 2024

Council Minutes – 09 April 2024

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