

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE - 18 MARCH 2015

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report

- This report provides a proposed Audit Committee work programme for the 2015/16 civic year for consideration.

RECOMMENDATION FOR AUDIT COMMITTEE:

That:

(A)	the proposed 2015/16 Audit Committee work programme be approved.
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1.0 Background

1.1 The Audit Committee was formed on 17 May 2006 and as part of the governance arrangements its work programme is approved each civic year. The work of the Committee during this civic year has been analysed. In the light of this work and discussions with the Council's External and Internal Auditors, the programme for the next civic year has been prepared.

2.0 Report

2.1 A proposed Audit Committee work programme for the 2015/16 civic year is given at **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**.

2.2 It has been usual practice to have some training as the first item on the agenda. Specific issues will be identified following the appointment of the new Committee. A questionnaire will be sent to all Members on the new Committee to identify possible areas where training will enhance the role of the Audit Committee.

2.3 The last meeting of the civic year has currently been set for 13 April 2016. This date is too late as various items have to be approved ahead of the new financial year. A revised date will be proposed to the new Committee.

3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers

Audit Committee Work Programme 2014/15- Audit Committee 21 January 2015.

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