

Proposed 2014/15 Training & Development Plan for Audit Committee Members

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REASON FOR ITEM

As requested by the Audit Committee at its meeting of 7 January 2014, a proposed Training and Development Plan has been produced for Audit Committee members. This plan aims to support the Audit Committee in discharging its duties effectively.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee is asked to review the proposed plan and approve it, with amendments suggested as applicable. Potential areas to consider include the following:

- **Are the topics proposed appropriate and does the scope and rationale meet expectations?**
- **Is a one hour duration the right length for each session?**
- **Should refreshments be provided as part of the sessions?**
- **When should these sessions be held? and**
- **Should these sessions be extended to include invitations to all Members or just be restricted to Audit Committee Members?**

INFORMATION

The proposed plan aims to provide guidance, advice and support to the Audit Committee in the following key areas:

- Corporate Governance;
- Internal Audit;
- External Audit;
- Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption;
- Risk Management; and
- Financial Reporting.

If approved, this training and development programme would form part of the Council's existing Member Training and Development Programme for the 2014/15 municipal year which is co-ordinated by Democratic Services.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.