

Proposed 2015/16 Training & Development Plan for Audit Committee Members

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REASON FOR ITEM

After a request by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on 7 January 2014, a Training Plan and Development Plan is produced annually for Audit Committee Members. This plan aims to support the Audit Committee in discharging its duties effectively.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE COMMITTEE

- 1. The Audit Committee is asked to review the proposed plan detailed in Appendix A and approve it, with amendments suggested as applicable.**

INFORMATION

2. 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.
3. If approved, this training and development programme would form part of the Council's existing Member Training and Development Programme for the 2015/16 municipal year which is co-ordinated by Democratic Services.
4. Potential areas for Members 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?

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.