

Subject	Committee Work Programme 2025-26	Status	For Publication
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Report of	Head of Governance & Corporate Services		
Equality Impact Assessment	Not Required	Attached	Na
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1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present the proposed 2025-26 work programme for the Committee for approval.
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2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are recommended to:
- a. Approve the 2025/26 work programme attached at Appendix A.**
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3 Link to Corporate Objectives

- 3.1 This report links to the delivery of the following corporate objectives:
Effective and Transparent Governance.
- 3.2 To uphold effective governance always showing prudence and propriety.
- 3.3 The planned programme of work for the Audit & Governance Committee supports the operation of effective and transparent governance arrangements.

4 Implications for the Corporate Risk Register

- 4.1 There are no direct implications for specific risks on the register.

5 Background and Options

- 5.1 Attached at Appendix A is the outline work programme for meetings of the Audit & Governance Committee for the 2025/26 municipal year. Committee members will note that the scheduled dates were approved at the Authority's December meeting. This report is to formally present the planned programme of work 2025/26 for the Committee's own consideration and approval.

- 5.2 The work programme, once agreed, can also be updated throughout the year as required to meet the needs of the Committee and respond to any changing circumstances as relevant.
- 5.3 To support the Committee’s knowledge and understanding, bitesize briefing sessions of approximately 30-minutes each are provided immediately following each formal meeting – with the topics of these sessions planned to be relevant and timely according to the planned agenda for the Committee’s subsequent meetings. The first topic suggested for the 2025/26 programme is set out below with the remaining topics to be confirmed:
- a) July 2025: A briefing on the work of corporate assurance.
 - b) October 2025: TBC
 - c) December 2025: TBC
 - d) March 2026: TBC
- 5.4 Members are invited to consider the initial suggestion for July 2025 and make requests for any specific topics to be included in the coverage for 2025/26 to meet their needs.
- 5.5 Note that these briefing sessions are in addition to the full programme for all Authority and Local Pension Board members set out in the Member L&D Strategy 2025/26, which is to be considered by the Authority at its March meeting.

6 Implications

- 6.1 The proposals outlined in this report have the following implications:

Financial	None
Human Resources	None
ICT	None
Legal	None
Procurement	None

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
None	-