

**Report to:** **Audit Panel**

**Date:** Thursday, 1 February 2024

**Reporting Officer:** Carol McDonnell – Head of Assurance

**Subject:** **Audit Panel Work Programme 2023/24**

**Report Summary:** This report details the updated Audit Panel Work Programme for 2023/24.

**Recommendations:** That the Audit Panel Work Programme for 2023/24 at **Appendix A** is noted.

**Corporate Plan:** Having a comprehensive Audit Panel work programme in place, provides assurance to the Council that the Panel is fulfilling its terms of reference in accordance with best practice. Through regular risk updates, the Panel seeks assurance that risks associated with the delivery of the Corporate Plan are being managed.

**Policy Implications:** As above.


**Financial Implications:** There are no financial implications directly associated with this report. See also legal implications below.  
**(Authorised by the statutory Section 151 Officer & Chief Finance Officer)**

**Legal Implications:** A dedicated, effective Audit Panel with a comprehensive work programme is key to supporting good governance, strong financial management and effective internal and external audit and is in accordance with the latest CIPFA guidance 'Audit Committees: Practical Guidance for Local Authorities and Police 2022'.  
**(Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)**

**Risk Management:** As above.

**Access to Information:** Not confidential

**Background Information:** The background papers can be obtained from the author of the report, Carol McDonnell, Interim Head of Assurance:

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