

SWALE BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE



Draft Work Programme



Statement of Purpose:

The purpose of the Audit Committee is to provide independent assurance of the adequacy of the risk management framework and the associated control environment, independent scrutiny of the Authority's financial and non-financial performance to the extent that it affects the Authority's exposure to risk and weakens the control environment, and to oversee the financial reporting process, including approval of the annual statement of accounts.

Audit Committee Members:

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Audit Committee Terms of Reference

1. Consider the effectiveness of the authority's risk management arrangements, the control environment and associated antifraud and anti-corruption arrangements.
2. Seek assurances that action is being taken on risk-related issues identified by auditors and inspectors.
3. Be satisfied that the authority's assurance statements, including the Statement on Internal Control, properly reflect the risk environment and any actions required to improve it.
4. Approve (but not direct) internal Audit's strategy and Annual Audit Plan and monitor performance against them.
5. Review summary internal audit reports and the main issues arising, and seek assurance that action has been taken where necessary.
6. Receive the annual report of the Head of Internal Audit
7. Consider the reports of external audit and inspection agencies.
8. Ensure that there are effective relationships between external and internal audit, inspection agencies and other relevant bodies, and that the value of the audit process is actively promoted.
9. Review the financial statements, external auditor's opinion and reports to Members, and monitor management action in response to the issues raised by external audit.
10. Approve the Annual Statement of Accounts.
11. Present an annual report to the Executive on exceptions and highlights throughout the year.

Work Programme:

Date of Meeting	Title of Report	Key Officer Contact
<i>10 June 2015</i>	Internal Audit Annual Report 2014/15	Rich Clarke
	Annual Governance Statement	Nick Vickers
	Audit Committee Annual Report	Rich Clarke
	Fee Letter 2015/16	External Audit
	Benefit Fraud Annual report 2014/15	Ginny Wilkinson
	Work Programme	Democratic Services
<i>30 September 2015 – date to change</i>	Annual Governance Report and Annual Accounts 2014/15	Nick Vickers
	Treasury Management Annual Review	Nick Vickers
	Audit Committee Work Programme	Democratic Services
<i>9 December 2015</i>	Treasury Management Half Year Review	Nick Vickers
	Annual Audit Letter	External Audit
	Internal Audit Interim Report	Rich Clarke
	Audit Committee Work Programme	Democratic Services

<i>9 March 2016</i>	Internal Audit Plan 2015/16	Rich Clarke
	Strategic Risk Register and Action Plans	Rich Clarke
	Certification of Claims and Returns	External Audit
	Audit Plan and Progress Report	External Audit
	Audit Committee Work Programme	Democratic Services

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