

SWALE BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Draft Work Programme

27 June 2012 to 21 May 2013



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 and Brief Summary of Decision to be made	Key Officer Contact
27 June 2012	Annual Governance Statement	Nick Vickers
19 September 2012	Planning Update report	
19 December 2012		
20 March 2013		
21 May 2013		