AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Report subject	**Forward Plan - For the 2026/27 municipal year**
Meeting date	30 July 2026
Status	Public Report
Executive summary	This report sets out the reports to be considered by the Audit & Governance Committee during the 2026/27 municipal year to enable it to fulfil its terms of reference.
Recommendations	**It is RECOMMENDED that:** **The Audit & Governance Committee approve the Forward Plan for 2026/27, as set out at Appendix A.**
Reason for recommendations	To ensure that the Audit & Governance Committee is fully informed of the reports to be considered during 2026/27.
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Wards	Council-wide
Classification	For Recommendation Decision

Background

1. Good practice dictates that the Audit & Governance Committee agrees a forward plan setting out the reports it expects to consider over the next 12 months.

The Forward Plan

2. A Forward Plan for 2026/27, set out at Appendix A, has been prepared to identify the reports expected to be considered by the Audit & Governance Committee and to enable it to fulfil its terms of reference.

3. The Audit & Governance Committee should note that the plan does not preclude extraordinary items being brought before the Committee in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair as necessary and appropriate, thereby ensuring that committee business remains consistent with its terms of reference.

4. Topics requiring the Committee's consideration within its terms of reference may be added at any point during the year as they arise. These topics are generally shown in the 'Other Reports or Training Presentations' section of the Forward Plan, Appendix A, and depending on their nature are usually added to a meeting marked 'extra'. These additional reports and presentations are published as part of the relevant meeting papers and are available to the public

Options Appraisal

5. An options appraisal is not applicable for this report.

Summary of financial implications

6. There are no direct financial implications from this report.

Summary of legal implications

7. There are no direct legal implications from this report.

Summary of human resources implications

8. There are no direct human resource implications from this report.

Summary of sustainability impact

9. There are no direct sustainability implications from this report.

Summary of public health implications

10. There are no public health implications from this report.

Summary of equality implications

11. There are no direct equality implications from this report.

Summary of risk assessment

12. Development and agreement of the Forward Plan by the Audit & Governance Committee enables it to fulfil its terms of reference.

Background papers

None

Appendices

Appendix A – Audit & Governance Committee – Forward Plan 2026/27