APPENDIX A

Audit & Governance Committee – Forward Plan 2026/27

REPORT	28 MAY 2026 (extra)	16 JUL 2026 (extra)	**30 JUL 2026**	3 SEP 2026 (extra)	**15 OCT 2026**	26 NOV 2026 (extra)	**14 JAN 2027**	25 FEB 2027 (extra)	**25 MAR 2027**
EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORTS									
External Auditor – Audit Plan 2026/27									✓
External Auditor – Audit Findings Report 2025/26						✓			
External Auditor – Auditor's Annual Report 2025/26						✓			
External Auditor – Audit Progress & Sector Update	✓				✓		✓		✓
External Auditor – Regaining Assurance Progress Report & Sector Update			✓						
ANNUAL REPORTS									
Statement of Accounts 2025/26						✓			
Draft Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 and Annual Review of Local Code of Governance (*1 update on Action Plan only*)			✓				✓ 1		
Chief Internal Auditor's Annual Opinion Report 2025/26			✓						
Annual Breaches of Financial Regulations Report & Procurement Decision Records (PDRs) 2025/26			✓						
Annual Review of Declarations of Interests, Gifts & Hospitality by Officers 2025/26			✓						
Use of Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act and Investigatory Powers Act Annual Report 2025/26			✓						
Audit & Governance Committee Annual Report			✓						
Information Governance Update					✓				
Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual Report 2025/26					✓				
Annual Report of Internal Audit Counter Fraud Work and Whistleblowing Referrals 2025/26					✓				
Emergency Planning & Business Continuity Update					✓				
Health & Safety Update					✓				
Fire Safety Update							✓		
Treasury Management Strategy Refresh/Approval for next financial year							✓		
Assurance Framework & Internal Audit Planning Consultation							✓		
Internal Audit Charter & Audit Plan - next financial year									✓
ANNUAL OR PERIODIC POLICY UPDATES									
Annual evolution of Policies for 2027/28: - Whistleblowing - Anti-Fraud and Corruption - Declaration of Interests, Gifts & Hospitality - Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) and Investigatory Powers Act (IPA)								✓	
Financial Regulations - annual evolution for 2027/28								✓	
QUARTERLY / HALF YEARLY REPORTS									
Internal Audit - Quarterly Audit Plan Update			✓		✓		✓		✓
Risk Management – Corporate Risk Register Update			✓		✓		✓		✓
Forward Plan (refresh)			✓		✓		✓		✓
Treasury Management Quarterly Monitoring Report			✓		✓		✓		
Procurement and Contract Management Strategy Delivery Plan (6-monthly progress report)					✓				✓

OTHER REPORTS OR TRAINING PRESENTATIONS (These items may be deeper dive presentations rather than formal reports, as agreed by the Chair)									
Constitution Review Working Group – feedback and agreement of matters for Council approval				As required during the year					
Governance and processes of regeneration projects (with a focus on Carter's Quay)	✓			Possible consideration depending on external factors					
Appointment of Independent Members	✓		✓						
BCP FuturePlaces – final report incorporating responses to questions posed by the Committee to various individuals		✓							
Risk Management Policy (Children's Services corporate risks deeper dive)				✓					
Council Owned Companies Shareholder Governance (deeper dive)				✓					
Procurement and Contract Management - deeper dive into process for SMEs				✓					
Governance in relation to 'invest to save' decisions						✓			
Artificial Intelligence – Governance and Risk Management (update)						✓			
Governance of the Lower Central Gardens						✓			
Audit Committee – Best Practice Self Assessment						✓			