

Audit and Governance Committee Work Programme 2025-26

Report Reference	Audit & Governance Committee	Title	Purpose of Report	Lead Officer	Consultation	Equality Impact Assessment	Part of Budget and Policy Framework	Exempt Item	Committee Terms of Reference
February 2025									
AG/12/25-26	24/02/26	Internal Audit Plan 2025-26 Progress Update	This report provides the Committee with an update on the progress of the Audit Plan delivery, findings and outcomes.	Head of Audit, Risk and Assurance	No	No	No	No	To consider the internal audit's performance during the year, including updates on the delivery of the audit plan.
AG/13/25-26	24/02/26	Internal Audit Plan 2026-27 Approval	This report provides the proposed Internal Audit Plan 2026/27 to the Committee for review and approval.	Head of Audit, Risk and Assurance	No	No	No	No	To approve the risk-based internal audit plan.
AG/05/25-26	24/02/26	Final Statement of Accounts 2024-25	To receive the final Statement of Accounts for 2024/25, the statements will incorporate the agreed changes reported in the Audit Findings report 2023/24.	Executive Director of Resources and S151 Officer	No	No	No	No	To review and approve the annual statement of accounts. Specifically, to consider whether appropriate accounting policies have been followed and whether there are concerns arising from the financial statements or from the audit that need to be brought to the attention of the Council.
AG/06/25-26	24/02/26	External Audit of Accounts / Statement of Accounts 2024-25	The purpose of the report is to present the Audit findings report for 2024/25.	Executive Director of Resources and S151 Officer	No	No	No	No	Ensuring assurance over both the quality of the draft financial statements and the Council's wider arrangements to

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AG/14/25-26	24/02/26	Companies Audited Financial Statement 2024-25	The purpose of this report is to present the audited financial statements of Ansa Environmental Services Ltd and Orbitas Bereavement Services Ltd for the year 2024/25.	Executive Director of Resources and S151 Officer	No	No	No	No	Ensuring assurance over both the quality of the draft financial statements and the Council's wider arrangements to support a timely and effective audit.
AG/15/25-26	24/02/26	Enterprise Cheshire and Warrington Accounts 2024-25	The purpose of this report is to present the audited financial statements of Enterprise Cheshire and Warrington for the year 2024/25.	Executive Director of Resources and S151 Officer	No	No	No	No	Ensuring assurance over both the quality of the draft financial statements and the Council's wider arrangements to support a timely and effective audit.
AG/35/25-26	24/02/26	External Auditors Update	Verbal update from the External Auditors on progress on 2023/24 Statement of Accounts Finalisation and progress on 2024/25 Statement of Accounts Audit Plan.	Executive Director of Resources and S151 Officer	No	No	No	No	Ensuring assurance over both the quality of the draft financial statements and the Council's wider arrangements to support a timely and effective audit.
AG/27/25-26	24/02/26	Final Annual Governance Statement	For the Audit and Governance Committee to approve the Final Annual Governance Statement 2024/25 prior to publication on the website alongside the Statement of Accounts.	Interim Director of Law and Governance	No	No	No	No	To review and approve the Annual Governance Statement.
AG/36/25-26	24/02/26	Whistleblowing Policy	The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an updated Whistleblowing Policy to be recommended onto Corporate Policy Committee.	Interim Director of Law and Governance	No	No	No	No	To consider the Council's corporate governance arrangements against the good governance framework, including the ethical framework, local code of governance, and

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