

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

Audit Committee - 4 July 2023

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer - Finance and Trading

Status: For Decision

Key Decision: No

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Recommendation to Audit Committee:

- (a) The member development presented at the meeting be noted.
- (b) Future member development subjects be agreed.
- (c) The Audit Committee Chairman and the Chief Officer - Finance and Trading devise a timetable of member development.

Introduction and Background

- 1 The previous Audit Committee regularly reviewed the development needs of its Members and the following training was provided during the four year term:

Training Provided
Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS)
Risk Management
Understanding Local Government Accounts
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organisational Knowledge• Audit Committee Role and Function• Governance (all three subjects were provided in one session by Martin Goodman, Head of Legal and Democratic Services)
Counter Fraud and Whistle Blowing
Internal Audit and the Role of the Audit Committee
Risk Management
External Audit

- 2 Members were asked for their views on the training, and it was concluded that it had all been useful and assisted in the workings of the committee.

Audit Committee Member Development Programme

- 3 Based on the views of the previous committee and the subject matter included in the Audit Committee's terms of reference, it is recommended that the new committee receive member development on the same subjects.
- 4 At the first meeting of the committee, Martin Goodman, Head of Legal and Democratic Services will present member development on:
 - Organisational Knowledge
 - Audit Committee Role and Function
 - Governance
- 5 It is proposed that the Audit Committee Chairman together with the Chief Officer - Finance and Training devise a timetable of member development for future committee meetings.
- 6 Each member development session will last for up to 20 minutes and be presented at the start of an Audit Committee.

Key Implications

Financial

There are no financial implications.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

There are no legal implications.

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Net Zero Implications

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the council's ambition to be Net Zero by 2030. There is no perceived impact regarding either an increase or decrease in carbon emissions in the district, or supporting the resilience of the natural environment.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

None

Adrian Rowbotham

Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer - Finance & Trading