

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

Audit Committee - 30 March 2021

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

Status: For Consideration

Key Decision: No

Portfolio Holder: Cllr. Matthew Dickins

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Recommendation to Audit Committee:

The Member Development Plan be noted.

Introduction and Background

- 1 The Committee regularly reviews the development needs of its Members and the following training has been provided since the current Audit Committee was formed in May 2019:

Committee Date	Training Provided
17 September 2019	Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS)
28 January 2020	Risk Management
16 July2020	Understanding Local Government Accounts

- 2 At the Audit Committee on 16 July 2020 it was resolved that the Audit Committee Chairman, Chief Officer - Finance & Trading and the Audit Manager develop an action plan to address any areas of improvement.
- 3 In November 2020 Members were asked for their views as to their current knowledge levels by completing a questionnaire based on 'Audit Committee - knowledge and skills framework' included in the CIPFA document 'Audit Committees - Practical Guidance for Local Authorities and Police'.

Audit Committee Member Development Programme

- 4 Based on the questionnaire responses and the work plan of reports due to be presented at each committee, the following programme has been devised:

Committee Date	Training Scheduled
30 March 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisational Knowledge • Audit Committee Role and Function • Governance (all three subjects to be provided in one session by Martin Goodman, Head of Legal and Democratic Services)
15 July 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counter Fraud and Whistle Blowing
2 November 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal Audit
To be confirmed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding Local Government Accounts (dependent on the date the 2020/21 Annual Accounts are due to be presented to the committee) • External Audit • Risk Management

- 5 Each 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.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

None

Adrian Rowbotham

Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Officer - Finance & Trading