

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

2 February 2024

RISK AND ASSURANCE MAP - CONSULTATION FOR 2024/25

Report of the Assistant Director of Assurance and Property Services

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Each year the Audit and Governance Committee is consulted at an early stage on the development of the plans of work for Internal Audit and Risk and Assurance for the forthcoming year to give members the opportunity to raise any issues which they feel should be considered.
- 1.2 The allocation of resources will continue to be flexible throughout the year. Based on knowledge of the work of the Council currently, there are a number of areas that are expected to be a priority for 2024/25. These are as follows:
- On-going audit work in relation to Council owned companies and Schools.
 - Activity to deliver the City Plan, including the management of risks and projects to deliver key priorities.
 - Compliance with Civil Contingencies Act.
 - Premises Management Arrangements.
 - Building Maintenance Statutory Compliance.
 - New Port Fuel Management System.
 - Implementation of Homelessness Strategy Action Plan.
 - Financial Safeguarding Team.
 - Arrangements for the Assessment of Non-paid Carers.
 - National Fraud Initiative and counter fraud work.
 - Key corporate functions/systems, particularly where significant changes / budget reductions are planned or have occurred.

Consultation with the Chief Officers and key senior managers is ongoing and will be considered as part of the finalisation of the plan before presenting to the Committee in April.

- 1.3 A discussion will be held at the Committee to seek its input for the Risk and Assurance Map, and the plans of work for Internal Audit and Risk and Assurance for 2024/25.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the areas mentioned above and any additional areas which they would like to be considered.

