

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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CORPORATE ASSURANCE MAP - CONSULTATION FOR 2017/18

Report of the Head of Assurance, Procurement and Performance Management

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 the Internal Audit and Risk and Assurance teams 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 given the level of changes that are occurring across the Council. Based on knowledge of the work of the Council currently, there are a number of areas that are expected to be a priority for 2017/18. These are as follows:
 - On-going support and audit work in relation to Council owned companies, particularly the new Children's company.
 - Arrangements for managing the delivery of the Transformation Programme and budget reductions.
 - Arrangements for the provision of ICT infrastructure, including disaster recovery and business continuity and cyber security.
 - Implementation of the social care system which is replacing SWIFT.
 - Economic Development, including the construction phase of the New Wear Crossing, SSTC Phase 3 and work on the International Advanced Manufacturing Park.
 - Adult social care, including the Better Care Fund, integration with health and budget reductions.
 - Information governance.
 - Tall Ships event.
 - Commissioning and contract management.
 - Key corporate functions/systems, particularly where significant changes / budget reductions are planned or have occurred.
- 1.3 A discussion will be held at the Committee to seek its input for the Corporate Assurance Map, and the plans of work for Internal Audit and Risk and Assurance for 2017/18.

2. Recommendation

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

