

SUBJECT: AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

REPORT BY: AUDIT MANAGER

LEAD OFFICER: AUDIT MANAGER

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To provide details of the Audit Committee work programme for 2020/21

2. Executive Summary.

2.1 The Audit Committee approves a work programme each year and monitors progress.

3. Details

3.1 The proposed work programme is attached at Appendix A. The frequency of meetings has been reviewed and is considered appropriate for 2020/21.

3.2 COVID has impacted on the work programme and Audit Committee meetings were missed in March and June. The accounts and annual governance statement (AGS) have been delayed (and so has the deadline) and officers are working on finalising these by end of July so an additional meeting may be required in August. In addition the publication date for the audited accounts has moved from 31st July to 30th November so it is likely that we will need an additional meeting mid-November to sign off the final audited accounts.

3.3 Other reports that should have come to the July meeting such as the 12 month fraud and error report will be updated and submitted later in 2020/21. The work programme identifies what is being moved and future dates for these reports.

4. Organisational Impacts

4.1 Finance

There are no direct financial implications arising as a result of this report.

4.2 Legal Implications including Procurement Rules

There are no direct legal implications arising as a result of this report.

4.3 Equality, Diversity & Human Rights

There are no direct E and D implications arising as a result of this report.

5. Recommendation

5.1 That Audit Committee comment on and agree the work programme for 2020/21.

Key Decision No

Do the Exempt Information Categories Apply? No

Call in and Urgency: Is the decision one to which Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply? No

How many appendices does the report contain? One

List of Background Papers: None

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