



City of Westminster

Audit & Performance Committee Report

Meeting:	Audit & Performance Committee
Date:	18 September 2017
Classification:	General Release
Title:	Work Programme
Wards Affected:	N/A
Financial Summary:	There are no direct financial implications arising from this report
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The Committee is invited to review the work programme for 2017/18, attached at appendix 1.
- 1.2 The Committee is asked to note the actions which arose from the last meeting and the work undertaken in response, as detailed in appendix 3.
- 1.3 The committee is also asked to note the update on the Managed Services Task Group and the Investments Task Group which have been established by the Housing, Finance and Corporate Services Policy and Scrutiny Committee but which due to their overlap with the committee's work includes Audit and Performance Committee Members.

2. Recommendations

1. That the Committee notes its agenda for the next meeting on the 23 November as set out in **appendix 1** to the report.
2. That the work undertaken in response to the actions which arose from the last meeting, as detailed in at **appendix 3** to the report, be noted.
3. That the update on the Managed Services and Investments Task Groups be noted.

3. Choosing items for the Work Programme

- 3.1 A Work Programme for 2017/18 is attached at appendix 1 to the report.
- 3.2 Members' attention is drawn to the Terms of Reference for the Audit and Performance Committee (attached as appendix 2) which may assist the Committee in identifying issues to be included in the Work Programme.
- 3.3 The work programme will be reviewed at each meeting of the Committee and items can be removed or added as necessary.

4. Managed Services and Investments Task Group

- 4.1 The Managed Services Programme (MSP) was set up to introduce an external managed service delivering finance, payroll and HR processes. The Committee has maintained a regular oversight of the Managed Services contract since problems were identified with the rollout of the new system in April 2015. The current contract runs until May 2019.
- 4.2 Officers are progressing work on three fronts; completing implementation of agreed services, resolving outstanding commercial issues and looking at options to re-procure the service.
- 4.3 For the most part scrutiny of the re procurement of an alternative service falls to the relevant Policy and Scrutiny Committee. However, there is some overlap with the Audit and Performance committee, particularly in view of the issues identified in the current contract.
- 4.4 At its meeting on 10 April the Housing, Finance & Corporate Services Policy and Scrutiny Committee supported a proposal to establish a task group to scrutinise

the re-procurement of an alternative service which includes members from the Audit and Performance Committee. Work is on-going to plan this Task Group with a view to working with the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea where possible. The Task Group which consists of Councillors Connell, Rowley, Boothroyd and Glanz will meet in September.

- 4.5 The Investments Task Group was established by the Housing, Finance and Corporate Services Policy and Scrutiny Committee to consider a plan that brings together all of the Council's investments (Treasury, property etc) within one strategy. The task group which is chaired by Councillor Rowley and includes Councillors Tim Roca and Suhail Rahuja will meet on 13 September to review the proposed plan and consider recommendations to amend some investment approaches as well as improvements in financial management.

5. Monitoring Actions

- 5.1 The actions arising from each meeting are recorded in the Action Tracker attached as appendix 3. Members are invited to review the work undertaken in response to those actions.

6. Resources

- 6.1 There is no specific budget allocation for the Audit and Performance Committee.

If you have any queries about this Report or wish to inspect any of the Background Papers, please contact:

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APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 – Work Programme 2017/18

Appendix 2 – Terms of Reference

Appendix 3 – Committee Action Tracker

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None