

Audit and Standards Committee

The committee has met once since the last full council meeting, on Monday 25th June 2018.

Members reviewed the terms of reference for the committee, adopted at the previous council meeting, then moved on to the work plan. It was felt that now that the committee has the responsibility for dealing with Standards issues, which have potential to arise at any time, there is a need for appropriate training for all of the members of the committee and it was resolved that this be arranged.

The Corporate Risk Management Report for Q4 2017/18 was presented, where a number of issues were highlighted in relation to planning, housing, recycling revenue and air quality. Members' comments were noted for future reference.

Members then looked at reports relating to Health and Safety and Treasury Management where there were no major issues, then moved on to the Draft Statement of Accounts 2017/18. These will be reviewed again at the next meeting, to be held on 30th July to fit in with the new , earlier requirement to have the accounts signed off by the end of July.

Members raised concerns about the lack of references to complaints about changes to Council's Constitution in the Annual Governance Statement 2017/18. It was felt that these were possibly more relevant to the 2018/19 year but the committee resolved to approve the report subject to the Constitution and Member Support Working Group meeting as soon as possible, to look at these issues.

Finally, Members were presented with the Audit Plan for the forthcoming year, prepared with outside assistance. This was approved, as was the continuation of the reporting arrangements as set out in the report.

Next Meeting 30th July 2018.

Paul Waring (Chair)