Audit and Governance Work Programme Items

The Audit and Governance Committee meet four times a year, roughly following the financial timetable set by legislation.

Currently the Audit and Governance Committee are scheduled to meet in the following months:

July, September, December, March (The Committee have also requested that they meet in public in June to consider the draft accounts for the Combined Authority.)

Below is a table of items that the committee must consider throughout the year.

Item	Description	Proposed Meeting
Combined Authority Board Update	Standing item on the agenda when a chief officer or by agreement once a year the Mayor for the Combined Authority provides an update on the activities for the authority.	Every meeting
Minutes	Standing item on the agenda for the committee to agree the minutes from the last meeting	Every meeting
Corporate Risk Register	Standing item by request of the committee to be considered at each meeting.	Every meeting
Work Programme	Standing item for the committee to consider their upcoming work programme.	Every meeting
Internal Audit – Progress Report	Report from the Internal Auditors to provide an update on the progress of the current internal audits.	Every meeting

External Audit – Audit Plan	The Committee receive and approve the final audit plan prepared by the external auditors	March
Internal Audit Plan:	Details of audit activity for the following year.	March
Treasury Management Strategy Summary	The Committee receive the report asks for comments comment on the draft Treasury Management Strategy.	March
Code of Corporate Governance	Code of Corporate Governance is based upon the CIPFA / SOLACE publication entitled "Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: Framework 2016 Edition." An annual review is undertaken each year.	March
Complaints Policy	Describes how we will deal with complaints and the role of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman – reviewed annually.	March
Assurance Framework	The Assurance Framework is a set of systems, processes and protocols, which along with standing orders, financial regulations, departmental procedures, and codes of practice is linked in a hierarchy of management and financial control procedures, which clearly define the responsibilities of members and the duties of the CPCA's officers, consultants and partners. – Approved annually.	March

Internal Audit – Annual Report	A report provided by the Internal Auditors on the effectiveness of the Authority's systems of governance; risk management and internal control.	July
Value-for-Money	Statement report on Value for Money to be considered including 'benefit-cost-ratio'.	July
Policy Documents – rules and regs followed by CIPFA	Briefing note to be prepared by CFO on the Combined Authority's policy documents relating to the rule and regs adhered to in the national policies, followed also by CIPFA.	July
HR Update	HR Manager to update Committee on work undertaken to address concerns identified by Internal Audit.	July
External Audit Final Results	The Committee receive the audit results report from the external auditors.	July
Annual Governance Statement	Explains how the Combined Authority has complied with the Local Code of Governance and meets the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 Regulation 6.1(b) – usually received along with the Annual Financial Report.	The Annual Governance Statement is reviewed by the A&G Committee every year as part of the Statements of Accounts (usually in July)
Annual Financial Report	The Committee receives the report which asks them to: a) approve the audited Statement of Accounts 2017/18 b) Receive and approve the Annual Governance Statement 2017/18	July

Annual Audit report	The Audit and Governance Committee review annually the work undertaken by the committee to ensure best practice and effectiveness for the Combined Authority is being achieved.	July
Review of the Constitution	The report was postponed from the July meeting; report to be delivered to the Board in September.	September
External Audit – Annual Audit Letter	The Committee receive the annual audit letter which communicates the key issues arising from external auditors work in carrying out the audit of the statement of accounts for the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.	September
Internal Audit – Progress Report	Update to be delivered by the Internal Auditors	September
Treasury Management Strategy Review	The Committee receive the report which review the current performance against the prudential indicators included within the Treasury Management Strategy.	September
Corporate Risk Register	The Committee to receive an update on the Corporate Risk Register	September

External Audit – Draft Audit Plan	The Committee receive the draft Audit Plan and comment whether the planned audit is aligned with the Committee's expectations.	December
Treasury Management Strategy Update	The Committee receive the report which provides the Audit and Governance Committee with an update on the Combined Authority (CPCA)'s Treasury Management Strategy.	December
Assurance Framework	Committee agreed in May 2019 that the A/Framework be presented to Committee on 6-month basis.	December
Project Case Study	Chief Executive agreed at July meeting to present to the Committee.	December
Governance (decision making) Review	Committee to receive an update to review any issues/concerns raised (Executive Committees) etc	March 2020
Risk Strategy		December
Data Protection		December
Mayor of the Combined Authority		March 2020
Governance review of Business Board		TBC
VfM presentation (development session)		March or May 2020
Members' Skills training		TBC
Mayor's office attending		March 2020