


<b>LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN</b>	<b>WARDS:</b> All
<b>REPORT TITLE:</b> Work and Training Plan and Action Tracker	
<b>REPORT OF:</b> Borough Solicitor	
<b>FOR SUBMISSION TO:</b> Audit and Corporate Governance Committee	<b>DATE:</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
<p><b>SUMMARY OF REPORT:</b>  This report summarises plans for the Committee's work programme and training and provides an action tracker detailing progress on actions arising from the previous meeting.</p> <p><b>Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information</b>  No documents that require listing were used in the preparation of this report.</p> <p><b>Contact Officer:</b>  Vicky Wemyss-Cooke  Committee Services Manager  Town Hall  Judd Street  London WC1H 9JE  020 7974 5726  <a href="mailto:Vicky.wemyss-cooke@camden.gov.uk">Vicky.wemyss-cooke@camden.gov.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b></p> <p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) Note the work plan for 2024/25 as set out at Appendix A and agree any amendments;</li> <li>ii) Indicate if there are any areas in which Members would like to receive training in 2024/25; and</li> <li>iii) Note the action tracker for actions arising from the previous meetings in 2023/24 as per Appendix C.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>SIGNED:</b> </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Borough Solicitor</p> <p><b>Date:</b> 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024</p>	

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The report outlines the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee's work plan for the 2024/25 municipal year as attached at **Appendix A** and invites the Committee to note and amend it as necessary.
- 1.2 In considering amendments to the work plan or scheduling training the Committee should have regard to its terms of reference as at **Appendix B**.
- 1.3 The Committee is also asked to note the action tracker for actions arising from the previous meetings in 2023/24 as set out at **Appendix C**.
- 1.4 Additionally, it has been previously agreed that the Committee should have regular sight of, and have regard to, the nine elements of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountancy's (CIPFA) guidance on 'Evaluating the Effectiveness of an Audit Committee'. These are listed at **Appendix D**.

## **2. Work plan 2024/25**

- 2.1 The structure of the work plan follows a similar pattern to previous years, comprised of reports that the Committee is required to take under its terms of reference, regulations or CIPFA guidance and reports the Committee has previously requested.
- 2.2 The Committee is asked to consider whether there are any other matters within its terms of reference that it wishes to add to the work programme for a future meeting.

## **3. Member Training**

- 3.1. A programme of induction and training for Members of the Committee was agreed prior to the May 2022 elections based on the following principles:-
  - Focused on the key areas where Members might lack skills.
  - Arranged to be timely, so as to inform upcoming Committee decisions.
  - Where possible held immediately prior to Committee meetings.
  - No more than 45 – 60 minutes where possible.
  - Run by officers unless external expertise is needed.
- 3.2 The following sessions took place following the May 2022 elections:
  - Internal Audit and Anti-Fraud – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 5.30-6.30pm (immediately before the Committee meeting)
  - Treasury Management – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 6.30-9.00pm
  - External Audit – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022, 6.00-7.00pm (immediately before the Committee meeting)
  - Risk Management – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 6.00-7.00pm (immediately before the Committee meeting)

3.3 The session held on the 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022 was abandoned part way through as the news came in of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The session was completed on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 via Teams.

3.4 Officers would be happy to look at arranging further training sessions in the 2024/25 municipal year, and comments from Members of the Committee on any further training requirements are welcomed.

4. **Legal comments of the Borough Solicitor**

4.1. This is a report of the Borough Solicitor and there are no further legal comments.

5. **Finance comments of the Executive Director Corporate Services**

5.1. The Executive Director Corporate Services has been consulted and has no comments.

6. **Environmental Implications**

6.1 There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

**ENDS**