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Audit and Governance training programme

Report:

This report follows on from an Audit and Governance members skills assessment carried out by SWAP earlier in the year. This was with the previous Committee membership but is considered still relevant and will be followed up with a further survey once training has been provided to ensure continuous improvements.

The work of the Committee is technical, and it was positive to note from the survey that there was a good coverage of abilities overall. Some gaps were identified, most significantly in respect of:

- Governance
- Counter-Fraud
- Treasury Management.

In discussions with the previous Chair taking these findings, his own view and that of other members the following training programme is proposed for members consideration.

Topic	Delivered by	Timescale
Understanding of Local Authority Governance	S151 and Monitoring Officers Input from Grant Thornton & SWAP	Sept 2024
Counter-Fraud role and practice in Council	SWAP & Assistant Director – Revenues, Benefits, Customer Services, Fraud & Compliance	Nov 2024
Treasury Management (Available to all members)	Link - Appointed treasury advisors	Jan 2025
Financial Management & Statement of Accounts	S151 & D151	May 2025
Risk Management	Gallagher Bassett – Appointed insurance advisors	To be scheduled

Is the proposed decision in accordance with:

Budget Yes No

Policy Framework Yes No

Recommendation:

To consider the above training timetable and to adopt a final version

Reason for recommendation:

To ensure members of the Committee are provided with the right resources to undertake their role

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action and Emergency Response
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Council and Corporate Co-ordination
- Communications and Democracy
- Economy
- Finance and Assets
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities
- Culture, Leisure, Sport and Tourism

Equalities impact Low Impact

Climate change Low Impact

Risk: Low Risk;

Links to background information

Link to [Council Plan](#)

Priorities (check which apply)

- Better homes and communities for all
- A greener East Devon
- A resilient economy

Financial implications:

No direct financial implications

Legal implications:

No direct legal implications