

<b>Audit and Governance Committee</b>
<b>19 March 2026</b>

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Date of Committee	Report	Lead Officer
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23 July 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External Audit Committee update</li> <li>External Audit Plan 2025 - 2026</li> <li>Internal Audit Annual Opinion 2025/26</li> <li>Internal Audit Progress Report - Quarter 4 2025-26</li> <li>Risk Report quarter one 2026/27</li> <li>Draft Statement of Accounts 2025/26 including Annual Governance Statement</li> <li>Financial Monitoring report update 2026/27</li> </ul>	<p>Grant Thornton</p> <p>SWAP</p> <p>Finance Manager</p>
17 September 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal Audit Activity Progress report</li> <li>External Auditor's Annual Report Year ending 31 March 2026</li> <li>External Audit Accounts update 2025/26</li> </ul>	<p>SWAP</p> <p>Grant Thornton</p>
19 November 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal Audit Activity Progress Report – Quarter 2 2026/27</li> <li>External Audit Progress report and sector updates</li> <li>Strata Annual Internal Audit report 2025/26</li> <li>Partnership Register annual review</li> </ul>	<p>SWAP</p> <p>Grant Thornton</p> <p>DAP</p>

28 January 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audit Findings report 2025/26</li> <li>• Revised Interim Auditors Annual Report (VFM) 2025/26</li> <li>• Statement of Accounts Annual Government Statement 2025/26</li> <li>• Annual report Fraud &amp; Compliance Work 2025-26 and Delivery Plan update</li> <li>• Information Governance Board Annual report</li> </ul>	<p>Grant Thornton</p> <p>Grant Thornton</p> <p>Finance Manager</p> <p>Assistant Director – Fraud &amp; Compliance</p> <p>Director of Governance</p>
18 March 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Audit Plan 2026/27 and Review of Internal Audit Charter</li> <li>• Internal Audit Plan Progress</li> <li>• Risk Policy update</li> <li>• Accounting Policies Approval</li> <li>• Financial Monitoring report update 2025/26</li> <li>• External Audit Committee update</li> <li>• Information Governance Board Security report and updates</li> </ul>	<p>SWAP</p> <p>Director of Finance</p> <p>Finance Manager</p> <p>Director of Finance</p> <p>Monitoring Officer</p>