

**Audit Committee Work Programme 24/25**

| Committee date | Report title / subject   | Lead / author          |
|----------------|--|------------------------|
| 25 July 2024   | This audit programme   | A Johnstone            |
|                | Veritau internal audit and counter fraud work programme 2024/25                      | P Jeffrey              |
|                | Risk annual assurance report   | A Johnstone            |
|                | Health and Safety Annual Assurance report  | A Johnstone            |
|                | SIRO annual report   | A Johnstone            |
|                | Progress against the Corporate Governance improvement plan and the Section 24 report | A Johnstone            |
|                | Council VfM 2021/22 and 2022/23  | M Rutter               |
|                | Audit Strategy Memorandum for the Council  | Cath Andrew (Mazars)   |
|                | Audit Strategy Memorandum for Teesside Pension Fund                                  | Cath Andrew (Mazars)   |
| 22 August 2024 | Complaints annual assurance report 2023/4  | A Johnstone            |
|                | 2023/4 Statement of accounts including AGS   | J Weston / A Johnstone |
|                | Verbal status update on Reset of Local Government Audits                             | M Rutter               |
|                | Progress report – Mazars   | Cath Andrew (Mazars)   |
|                | Head of Internal Audit annual report   | P Jeffrey              |
|                | Draft Statement of Accounts including Annual Governance Statement 2023/24            | J Weston / A Johnstone |
|                | <b>HOLDING – possible update on BV notice status</b>                                 | A Johnstone            |
|                | Progress against the Corporate Governance improvement plan and the Section 24 report | A Johnstone            |
| 3 October 2024 | Progress against the Corporate Governance improvement plan and the Section 24 report | A Johnstone            |
|                | Internal Audit and Counter Fraud progress reports                                    | P Jeffrey              |
|                | Progress against the Corporate Governance improvement plan and the Section 24 report | A Johnstone            |

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|                  | Annual assurance report on Partnership Governance   | A Johnstone                 |
|                  | Annual assurance report on procurement  | L Grabham                   |
|                  | Internal Audit and Counter Fraud progress reports   | P Jeffrey                   |
|                  | Counter Fraud Framework and refresh of the Counter Fraud Strategy   | J Dodsworth (Veritau)       |
|                  | Progress report – Mazars  | Cath Andrew (Mazars)        |
|                  | Pension Fund Audit Results Reports for both the 2021/22 and 2022/23 audits  | Richard Tebbs (EY)          |
|                  | <b>POSSIBLE – timing dependent upon the reset - Audit Results Reports for both the 2021/22 and 2022/23 audits</b> | M Rutter                    |
| November         | <b>Possible additional meeting if required to manage the workload of the committee</b>                            | TBC                         |
| 12 December 2024 | Progress report – Mazars  | Cath Andrew (Mazars)        |
|                  | Audit completion report - Mazars  | Cath Andrew (Mazars)        |
| 6 February 2025  | Annual assurance report on decision making  | B Carr / A Wilson           |
|                  | Progress against the Corporate Governance improvement plan and the Section 24 report                              | A Johnstone                 |
|                  | Annual assurance report on business continuity  | A Johnstone                 |
|                  | Local Code of Corporate Governance  | A Johnstone                 |
|                  | Annual assurance report HR  | N Finnegan                  |
|                  | Internal Audit consultation report (for the 24/25 work programme)   | P Jeffrey                   |
|                  | Internal Audit and Counter Fraud progress reports   | P Jeffrey                   |
|                  | Progress report – Mazars  | Cath Andrew (Mazars)        |
| 13 March 2025    | Progress against the Corporate Governance improvement plan and the Section 24 report                              | A Johnstone                 |
|                  | Performance Management and PPMF assurance report  | G Cooper                    |
|                  | HR Annual Assurance report  | N Finnegan                  |
|                  | Veritau internal audit and counter fraud work programme 2025/26   | P Jeffrey                   |
|                  | Self assessment of the effectiveness of the Audit Committee   | A Johnstone / Justin Weston |
|                  | Progress report – Mazars  | Cath Andrew (Mazars)        |

**Items to note**

Change the standard wording on assurance reports to ask the committee if the information is sufficient to give them assurance that appropriate governance arrangements are in place