

Audit and Governance Work Programme

containing Joint Audit and Governance
Committee work to be undertaken
JANUARY TO MARCH 2021



What is the work programme?

The Audit and Governance Work Programme belongs to South Oxfordshire District Council's and Vale of White Horse District Council's Joint Audit and Governance Committee and sets out a schedule of work for the period shown above. It is a rolling plan, subject to change at each committee meeting; however, the councils may allocate additional work without notice.

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Risk management	Joint Audit and Governance Committee 26 Jan 2021	Yvonne Cutler-Greaves yvonne.cutlergreaves@southandvale.gov.uk	The committee agreed to receive regular progress reports on the implementation of the risk management framework.	To review and comment on progress.	
Health and safety	Joint Audit and Governance Committee 26 Jan 2021	Sally Truman sally.truman@southandvale.gov.uk	The committee agreed to receive regular progress reports on health and safety.	To review and comment on progress.	
Treasury management and investment strategy 2021/22	Joint Audit and Governance Committee 26 Jan 2021	Simon Hewings simon.hewings@southandvale.gov.uk	The committee is responsible for the scrutiny of the councils' treasury management activity and to propose a strategy to both Councils, via their Cabinets, for the management of this function in the forthcoming year.	To scrutinise the treasury management strategies and policies and if required, make recommendations for amendment to both Cabinets.	

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Statement of accounts 2019/20	Joint Audit and Governance Committee 15 Mar 2021	Simon Hewings simon.hewings@southandvale.gov.uk	Each year the committee must approve each council's statement of accounts and ensure that they comply with the requirements of accounting practice.	The committee is asked to approve each council's statement of accounts and supporting documents for final sign-off by the committee's co-chairs and the councils' external auditor.	The requirement to approve the statement of accounts has been delayed in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
Internal audit plan 2021/22	Joint Audit and Governance Committee 15 Mar 2021	Richard Green richard.green@southandvale.gov.uk	The council audits its services through its internal audit service.	To approve the internal audit plan for 2021/22.	