

Meeting: Audit Committee

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Wards Affected: All

Report Title: Performance and Risk

Is the decision a key decision? No

When does the decision need to be implemented? N/A

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## 1. Proposal and Introduction

- 1.1 Further to the performance and risk framework being presented to the Audit Committee and as agreed by this committee, the chairs of both the Overview and Scrutiny Board and the Audit Committee have met to discuss how and where performance and risk information should be reviewed and challenged.
- 1.2 Historically, performance information has been presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Board for them to review and challenge. However, by bringing performance and risk information together into one report the chairs of each committee agreed that these reports should be considered by the Audit Committee.
- 1.3 It is also considered appropriate at this time to consider the regularity of the Audit Committee to ensure they receive performance and risk information in a timely manner. Therefore it is recommended that the Audit Committee meet every two months. The Audit Committee will receive an informal briefing two weeks before the committee meets to review performance and risk and identify areas which they would like to understand and / or challenge further at the committee itself and identify relevant Executive Leads and Officers who will need to invited.
- 1.4 In light of the proposal for Audit Committee to meet every two months, it is also proposed that the committee meet informally to discuss the way forward for the committee and to identify a work programme.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Audit Committee agree meetings take place every two months to allow them to consider performance and risk information regularly.
- 2.2 That the Audit Committee meets informally to identify a work programme and presents this at its meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2015.