West Suffolk Council

Work Programme Update 2022 to 2023

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Report to and date(s):	**Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee**	26 May 2022
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Decisions Plan: **This item is not included in the decisions plan.**

Wards impacted: **Not applicable.**

Recommendation: **It is recommended that the Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee:**

1. **Notes the current status of its Work Programme for 2022 to 2023, attached at Appendix 1 to this report.**

2. **Notes the additional Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday 14 December 2022, to consider the Statement of Accounts.**

1. Context to this report

1.1 **Performance and Audit Scrutiny Work Programme**

1.1.1 The committee's work programme for 2022 to 2023 is attached at **Appendix 1** to this report.

2. Proposals within this report

2.1 West Suffolk's external auditors Ernst and Young (EY) have confirmed to officers that the West Suffolk external audit of the 2021/2022 Statement of Accounts is scheduled to take place week commencing 17 October to week commencing 21 November 2022. Following that audit period, EY will need time to produce their final report and audit opinion so it is considered extremely unlikely that the November Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee meeting date will be met for the production of reports for consideration by the committee.

2.2 Therefore, it is proposed that an additional committee meeting is held on Wednesday 14 December 2022, specifically to consider the Statement of Accounts, Annual Governance Statement and Report to those Charged with Governance from EY (their audit findings and opinion report). This will also enable the management of the January 2023 committee agenda, which is traditionally budget focused.

2.3 The committee is asked to note the current status of its work programme, and the additional committee meeting on Wednesday 14 December 2022.

3. Alternative options that have been considered

3.1 None.

4. Consultation and engagement undertaken

4.1 None.

5. Risks associated with the proposals

5.1 None.

6. Appendices referenced in this report

7.1 Appendix 1 – Performance and Audit Scrutiny Work Programme 2022 to 2023

7. Background documents associated with this report

8.1 None