

Work Programme Update 2023

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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 rescheduled from Wednesday 14 December 2022 to Wednesday 8 March 2023, 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 Following on from recent discussions with West Suffolk's external auditors Ernst and Young (EY) it has become apparent that their overall audit plan phasing programme is behind schedule. As a result, this is impacting on various audits in the East of England. In discussion with our audit partner at EY it has been suggested that the audit for West Suffolk, originally due to start in October 2022, is now going to be pushed back to late November 2022, meaning the audit will not be completed until the new year.

2.2 Therefore, it is proposed that the additional committee meeting on Wednesday 14 December 2022 is rescheduled to Wednesday 8 March 2023, 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).

2.3 The committee is asked to note the current status of its work programme, and the additional rescheduled committee meeting on Wednesday 8 March 2023.

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 2023

7. Background documents associated with this report

8.1 None