

**Audit and Standards Committee
Work Programme 2024/2025 to 2025/26**

Item	Details	Lead Officer	Date of meeting
External Auditors Update Report	An update from the external auditors on progress to date to the work with WCC and WPF accounts.	Grant Thornton	Standing item to be used if necessary.
CIPFA Financial Management Code – Warwickshire County Council Self-Assessment 2024/25	Annual self-assessment of the Council's performance against the CIPFA Financial Management Code, including delivery of the improvement activity identified as part of the previous assessment.	Andrew Harper	20 March 2025
2024/25 Statement of Accounts – Accounting Policies	To endorse the accounting policies on which the 2024/25 WCC Statement of Accounts will be based, including new policies reflecting the introduction of IFRS16 and group accounts.	Andrew Harper	20 March 2025
Amendments to the Contract Standing Orders	A report recommending changes to the Contract Standing Orders to bring them into line with the requirements of the Procurement	Sioned Harper	20 March 2025

	Act 2023. Following consideration by the Audit and Standards Committee, proposals will be presented to Cabinet on 10 April and Council on 15 May 2025.		
Internal Audit Plan 2024/25	Internal Audit Plan and Strategy for 2025/26.	Paul Clarke	20 March 2025
Internal Audit Update Report (exempt)	A report on the outcome of Internal Audit work to date in 2024/25.	Paul Clarke	20 March 2025
External Auditors Report – WCC Financial Year 2024/25 Audit Plan	A report presenting the External Auditor’s plan for the review of WCC accounts 2024/25.	Andrew Harper / Grant Thornton	5 June 2025
External Audit Plan for Warwickshire Pension Fund 2024/25 Accounts	A report presenting the Audit Plan from Grant Thornton, external auditors for the Warwickshire Pension Fund, for the review of the 2024/25 accounts.	Chris Norton / Grant Thornton	5 June 2025
External Auditors Audit Plan 2024/25		Grant Thornton	5 June 2025
Warwickshire County Council - External Audit Risk Assessment 2024/25		Grant Thornton	5 June 2025
Warwickshire Pension Fund - External Audit Risk Assessment 2024/25		Grant Thornton	5 June 2025

Draft Annual Governance Statement 2024/25	A draft version of the Annual Governance Statement for consideration ahead of the completed version being presented to the Committee in November 2025.	Gereint Stoneman, Nic Vine	5 June 2025
Audit and Standards Committee Annual Report 2024/25	A report highlighting the work undertaken by the Committee in 2024/25. Subject to being approved by the Committee, the Annual Report will be submitted to Council for consideration on 23 July 2025.	John Cole	5 June 2025
Internal Audit Annual Report 2024/25	To consider a report summarising the results of Internal Audit work carried out in the year ended 31 March 2025.	Paul Clarke	17 July 2025
Internal Audit Update Report (exempt)	A report on the outcome of Internal Audit work to date in 2024/25.	Paul Clarke	11 September 2025
Internal Audit Update Report (exempt)	A report on the outcome of Internal Audit work to date in 2024/25.	Paul Clarke	25 November 2025
Annual Governance Report	A report to highlight the arrangements that are in place to enable the Audit & Standards Committee to undertake its	Sioned Harper	25 November 2025

	assurance role as to the robustness of the governance arrangements that are in place.		
Warwickshire County Council Audit Findings Report 2024/24		Grant Thornton	25 November 2025
Warwickshire Pension Fund Audit Findings Report 2024/25		Grant Thornton	25 November 2025
Warwickshire County Council Statement of Accounts 2024/25		Grant Thornton	25 November 2025
Warwickshire County Council Statement of Accounts 2024/25		Grant Thornton	25 November 2025
Warwickshire County Council Annual Audit Letter 2024/25		Grant Thornton	25 November 2025
Annual Governance Statement 2024/25	This report presents the Annual Governance Statement for 2024/25 following the public consultation period and consideration by external audit.	Gereint Stoneman, Nic Vine	25 November 2025

Training, Workshops, Other

Event	Details	Timing Considerations
Audit and Standards Committee Self-Assessment Workshop	For the Committee to carry out a self-review of its effectiveness.	A Self-Assessment will be undertaken by the Committee every two years.

Briefing Notes

Topic	Summary	Date requested	Date circulated
Schools in financial difficulty	A historical summary of the schools in Warwickshire that required intervention by the Council including appointment of an executive board.	18 July 2024	