GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME IN LINE WITH ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE

Review and scrutinise the authority's financial affairs and make reports and recommendations in relation to them

- Review the financial statements prepared by the authority
- To receive and approve the Council's Annual Statement of Accounts in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations

	20 June 22	14 July 22	8 Sept 22	13 Oct 22	24 Nov 22	26 Jan 23	16 Feb 23	30 Mar 23
2021/22 MCC Statement of Accounts		✓	✓			✓		
Head of Finance – Jonathan Davies			Draft			Final		
Statement of Accounts 2021/22 - Charitable		✓				✓		
Trust Funds		Draft				Final		
Head of Finance – Jonathan Davies								
Treasury Report		✓			✓			
Head of Finance – Jonathan Davies		21/22			Mid			
		Outturn			year			
Capital & Treasury Strategy					_	✓		
Head of Finance – Jonathan Davies								
Assessment of the Robustness of the budget process and adequacy of reserves							✓	
Head of Finance – Jonathan Davies								

Review and assess the risk management, internal control, performance assessment and corporate governance arrangements of the authority and make reports and recommendations to the authority on the adequacy and effectiveness of those arrangements

- To consider the draft annual self-assessment performance and recommend changes as required ahead of it being considered by Council.
- To consider the report of the (independent) panel performance assessment is also to be made available to the Governance & Audit Committee. A panel performance assessment is to take place at least once during the period between two consecutive ordinary elections of councillors to the Council

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Annual Governance Statement	✓							
Chief Internal Auditor – Andrew Wathan	Draft							
Freedom of Information (FOI) & Data Protection Act (DPA) Breaches & Date Subject Access Request (DSARs)	√					√		
Head of Information Security & Technology – Sian Hayward								
Self Assessment Process	✓	✓						
Performance & Data Insight Manager –		Draft						
Richard Jones		Report						
Governance & Audit Committee Annual Report		✓						
Chair of Governance & Audit Committee – Andrew Blackmore								
Whole Authority Strategic Risk Assessment			✓					
Performance & Data Insight Manager – Richard Jones								

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Anti Bribery Risk Assessment			✓				
Deputy Chief Executive – Peter Davies							
Audit Wales Work Programme: Council Progress			✓				✓
Audit Wales Manager – Rachel Freitag							
Annual Performance Review of Investment Committee				✓			✓
Development Manager - Nick Keyse							
Cyber security					✓		
Head of Information Security & Technology – Sian Hayward							
Review of the Committees Terms of Reference aligned to the Work Programme					✓		
Chief Internal Auditor – Andrew Wathan							
Feedback on Collaboration & Partnership arrangements					✓		
Performance & Data Insight Manager – Richard Jones / Chief Internal Auditor – Andrew Wathan							
Overview of Performance Management arrangements						√	
Performance & Data Insight Manager – Richard Jones							

Effectiveness of Strategic Risk Management				✓	
Framework					
Performance & Data Insight Manager –					
Richard Jones					

Review and assess the authority's ability to handle complaints effectively make reports and recommendations in relation to the authority's ability to handle complaints effectively

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The Ombudsman's Annual Letter (2021/22)					✓			
Customer Relations Manager – Annette Evans								
Whole Authority annual complaints report							✓	
Customer Relations Manager – Annette Evans								

Oversee the authority's internal audit arrangements

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6 month update on unfavourable opinions	✓				✓			
Chief Internal Auditor – Andrew Wathan								
Internal Audit Operational Plan 2022/23	✓	✓						

Chief Internal Auditor – Andrew Wathan	Draft	Final				
Internal Audit Annual Report		✓				
Chief Internal Auditor – Andrew Wathan						
Internal Audit quarterly progress reports			✓	✓	✓	
Chief Internal Auditor – Andrew Wathan						
Head of Service Call-ins following IA reports			✓			
Chief Internal Auditor – Andrew Wathan						
Implementation of Internal Audit agreed recommendations						✓
Chief Internal Auditor – Andrew Wathan						
Internal Audit Plan for Shared Resource Service (SRS) – Torfaen CBC IA Team	✓					
Internal Audit Annual Report for Shared Resource Service (SRS) – Torfaen CBC IA Team	√					
Internal Audit for Shared Resource Service (SRS) – Torfaen CBC IA Team – Unfavourable IA opinions						

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Audit Wales Work Programme	✓				✓			
Audit Wales Manager – Rachel Freitag								

Annual Audit Plan 22-23	✓						✓
Audit Wales Manager – Rachel Freitag							
Annual Audit Plan 22-23 - Welsh Church Funds		√					
Audit Wales Manager – Rachel Freitag							
Quarterly update and timetable			✓		✓		
Audit Wales Manager – Rachel Freitag							
Audit Wales Springing forward & Councils Management Response			✓				
Audit Wales Manager – Rachel Freitag / Performance & Data Insight Manager – Richard Jones							
Assurance and Risk assessment review				✓			
Audit Wales Manager – Rachel Freitag							
Annual Grants report				✓			
Audit Wales Manager – Rachel Freitag							
ISA260 Response to Accounts						✓	
Audit Wales Manager – Rachel Freitag / Head of Finance – Jonathan Davies							
ISA 260 or equivalent for Trust Funds						✓	
Audit Wales Manager – Rachel Freitag /							

Head of Finance – Jonathan Davies				