

Meeting Name:	Audit, governance and standards committee
Date:	3 June 2024
Report title:	External audit plan & strategy for Southwark Council 2023/24
Ward(s) or groups affected:	All
Classification:	Open
Reason for lateness (if applicable):	
From:	Strategic Director of Finance

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the audit, governance and standards committee note the external audit plan for 2023-24 for Southwark council, as attached at Appendix A.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The purpose of the report at Appendix A is to provide an overview of the risk assessment and planned audit approach for the statutory audit of the council, for those charged with governance.

Policy framework implications

3. The reports are not considered to have direct policy framework implications.

Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts

Community impact statement

4. This reports are not considered to have a direct impact on local people and communities. However, good financial management and reporting arrangements are important to the delivery of local services and to the achievement of outcomes.

Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement

5. This report is not considered to contain any proposals that would have a significant equalities impact.

Health impact statement

6. This report is not considered to contain any proposals that would have a significant health impact.

Climate change implications

7. This report is not considered to contain any proposals that would have a significant impact on climate change.

Resource implications

8. There are no direct resource implications in this report.

Financial implications

9. This report is financial in nature but does not give rise to any direct costs.

Legal Implications

10. Legislation appertaining to Local Authority Audit and Accounts is contained in the Local Government Act 1972, part 2 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the regulations made there under.

Consultation

11. There has been no consultation on this report.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

12. None required.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Department of Finance files	Finance Department, Second Floor, Tooley Street	Amarjit Uppal 0207 525 4578

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix A	External Audit Plan & Strategy – Southwark Council 2023-24

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Clive Palfreyman, Strategic Director of Finance	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Assistant Chief Executive Governance & Assurance	N/A	N/A
Strategic Director of Finance	N/A	N/A
Cabinet Member	N/A	N/A
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