

## **AC28. Audit Committee Governance Report**

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Finance Officer and HSCP Governance Support Officer which presented a proposed programme of meetings for the Committee and an indicative forward planner for 2023. Audit Committee meetings had been arranged to align with various statutory deadlines in respect of the annual accounts process and to ensure all audit plans, associated progress reports and annual assurance statements could be considered at an appropriate stage in the financial year.

With the exception of the meeting on 17 March, the proposed meeting dates for 2023 starting at 9.30 am were:-

- 17 March (starting at 2.00pm)
- 16 June
- 15 September
- 17 November

The Committee asked if the internal and external audit reporting timescales had reverted to pre-pandemic timescales. The Chief Internal Auditor said that the internal audit reports would be ready within the usual timescale however could not provide an answer in relation to the external audit reports. The Chief Finance Officer said that there had not been contact with the external auditors yet and that the dates in the draft forward planner were the best estimates on reporting timescales pending contact with the external auditor.

### **Decision**

**Pending discussion with the new external auditors on reporting timescales, the Committee:-**

- (1) agreed the programme of meetings for 2023 set out in the report;  
and**
- (2) noted the draft forward planner for 2023.**