

### Audit and Risk Assurance Committee Work Programme 2025/ 26

Date of Meeting	Item	Responsible Officer
<b>26 June 2025</b>	Annual Counter Fraud Report	Peter Farrow/ Oliver Knight
	Annual Internal Audit Report	Peter Farrow
	Strategic Risk Register Update	Peter Farrow/ Narinder Phagura
	Grant Thornton Report: 'The Audit Plan for Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council – Year Ending 31 March 2025'	Alex Thompson/ Claire Spencer/ Zoe Thomas (Grant Thornton)
	Annual Governance Statement 2024/ 25 Update	Mike Jones
<b>18 September 2025</b>	Strategic Risk Register Update	Peter Farrow/ Narinder Phagura
	Audit and Risk Assurance Committee – Annual Report	Peter Farrow
	Draft Statement of Accounts 2024/ 25	Claire Spencer / Ken Trotter
	Appointment of Independent Member	John Swann

	Annual Governance Statement 2024/ 25	Mike Jones
<b>20 November 2025</b>	External Audit – Interim Auditor’s Annual Report	Claire Spencer
	External Audit – Audit Progress Report and Sector Updates	Claire Spencer
	Risk Management Policy and Strategy	Peter Farrow
	Internal Audit Progress Report	Peter Farrow
	Internal Audit Charter	Peter Farrow
	Housing Transformation Programme ( <i>Strategic Risk</i> )	Alan Lunt
<b>16 February 2026</b>	Sandwell Children’s Trust Outturn Report	Peter Farrow
	Annual Governance Statement Update	Mike Jones
	Final Statement of Accounts 2024/ 25	Claire Spencer/ Grant Thornton
	Strategic Risk Register Update	Peter Farrow/ Narinder Phagura
	Internal Audit Progress Report	Peter Farrow
	Counter Fraud Update	Peter Farrow/ Oliver Knight
<b>2 April 2026</b>	SEND Placements and Transport ( <i>Strategic Risk</i> )	Judith Nash
	Cyber Security ( <i>Strategic Risk</i> )	Richard Griffiths

	Strategy for Internal Audit and Internal Audit Plan 2026/27	Peter Farrow
	Audit and Risk Assurance Committee Terms of Reference Review	Peter Farrow
	Internal Audit Progress Report	Peter Farrow