

Governance and Audit Committee

Members Knowledge and Skills Self-Assessment Questionnaire

APPENDIX 1

Please place an X in **ONE** of the columns shaded blue, for each of the numbered statements 1 to 10 below.

Name of Committee Member :

	Statement	I have good knowledge and experience of this	I have satisfactory knowledge and experience of this	I have little knowledge or experience of this	Any Comments
	Organisational Knowledge				
1.	Knowledge of the governance structure of the authority (including the Annual Governance Statement), decision-making processes, the Council's objectives and its major functions.				
	Governance and Audit Committee Role and Functions:				
2.	An understanding of the Governance and Audit Committee's role and place within the governance structures, its terms of reference and accountability arrangements.				
	Internal Audit:				
3.	An understanding of the purpose of the Council's Internal Audit Service and its responsibilities to the Governance and Audit Committee.				

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	Financial Management & Accounting:				
4.	Awareness of the financial statements that a local authority must produce and the principles it must follow to produce them, and the role the Governance and Audit Committee plays in reviewing the Council's draft financial statements.				
	External Audit:				
5.	Knowledge of the role and functions of the external auditor and the responsibility it has to the Council's Governance and Audit Committee.				
	Risk Management:				
6.	Understanding of the risk management arrangements in place within the Council and the role of Governance and Audit Committee in overseeing these arrangements.				
	Counter Fraud:				
7.	An understanding of the main areas of fraud and corruption risk to which the Council is exposed, knowledge of the Council's arrangements for tackling fraud and awareness of good fraud risk management practice.				
	Values of Good Governance:				
8.	Knowledge of the authority's key arrangements to uphold ethical standards for both members and staff (including knowledge of the 7 principles of public life) and knowledge of whistle-blowing arrangements within the Council and Financial and Contract Procedure Rules.				

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	Council Performance Self-Assessment				
9.	Understanding of the Council's Performance Self-Assessment and independent Panel Performance Assessment responsibilities and the role of the Governance and Audit Committee in reviewing and challenging the outcome of these assessments.				
	Complaints Handling				
10.	Understanding of the Council's arrangements for handling complaints and the role of the Governance and Audit Committee in reviewing and assessing the effectiveness of the arrangements in place.				

Are there any other areas of support / advice that you consider would help you in discharging your role as a member of the Council's Governance and Audit Committee?

Which knowledge areas below) do you have experience in that will add value to the work of the Governance and Audit Committee?
(Please place an X for any that apply)

Accountancy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Service and organisational knowledge relevant to the functions of the organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Internal Audit	<input type="checkbox"/>	Programme and project management	<input type="checkbox"/>
Risk Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	IT Systems and IT Governance	<input type="checkbox"/>
Governance and Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>