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High Agency Audits 014.2/2007 Review of Corporate Risk Management Framework - Audit for 2007	11. Final Report Issued 01-May-2007	Overall Audit OpinionLimited AssuranceCompletedTotalLow1Medium10Total111111	Generally the procedures the Council has in place in relation to Risk Management are compliant with the Council's Risk Mangement Strategy and Policy. The appointment of dedicated Risk Manager would help AVDC to manage risk more effectively.
High David Lamb 018.3/2008.bf Contracts- Audit for 2008	11. Final Report Issued 02-April-2008	Overall Audit OpinionLimited AssuranceCompletedIn progressTotalHigh213Medium011Total224	A significant number of the Councils high-value suppliers have not been selected in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules. By extension there is a risk that legal requirements such as the EU procurement directive are not being complied with. (The minimum EU threshold for services at the time of the audit was £145,000).
High Doug Gray 053.1/2008 Treasury Management - Audit for 2008	11. Final Report Issued 26-March-2008	Overall Audit Opinion Full Assurance In progress Total Low 2 Medium 1 Total 3	Adequate and effective systems are in place for Treasury Management.

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High David Lamb 062.1/2008 Claims Handling - Audit for 2008	12. Survey Issued 14-November-2007	Overall Audit OpinionSubstantial AssuranceCompletedTotalMedium2Total2Total2	Processes for handling Insurance claims are effective. Management action has been agreed with the Risk Manager/Insurance Manager to address weaknesses in written procedures/lack of training on claims handling for new staff; and to ensure that more use is made of the reporting capability of the claims handling database.
High David Lamb 062.2/2007.bf Exchequer - Insurance Services- Audit for 2007	12. Survey Issued 25-May-2007	Overall Audit Opinion Substantial Assurance 	The Authority has in place the external and self-insurance policies that cover the principle insurable risks. However the following weaknesses have been identified: no explicit definition of departmental responsibilities, lack of a linkage to the Corporate Risk Management Strategy and no regular review of the self-insurance fund. For this audit the key control objective is that risks are insured, so the audit opinion is substantial* However the management actions in this report can be seen as part of the authority's response in addressing deficiencies in its risk management processes, which have also been highlighted by the Risk Management Audit.

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High Doug Gray 063.1/2008.bf	12. Survey Issued 16-May-2008		tantial rance	This Audit derives from the annual audit plan for 2007/8 and is a significant part of the assurance work because it is a main financial system of the Council. The audit was
Payroll - Audit for		In progress Red	undant ^{Total}	undertaken by Deloitte's who are a private audit firm.
2008		Low 2	4 6	This audit included compliance testing on behalf of the 3 other district councils for which AVDC provide the payroll
		Medium 3	1 4	service.
		Total 5	5 10	The overall opinion for the Payroll system is that substantial assurance can be given. This means that whilst there is generally a sound system there are weaknesses that need to be addressed. Of the 5 recommendations raised 1 is classed as medium priority and 4 as low priority.
				The one medium priority recommendation is concerning signing off the contract extension with Chiltern District Council. The contract expired in October 2007 so the payroll has been running for 6 months (at the date of this Audit report) without a proper contract in place. The four low priorty recommendations are intended to strengthen existing controls. These include the other Council's improving their processes which impact of AVDC's Payroll Section.
High Doug Gray 080.1/2007.bf	12. Survey Issued 28-June-2007		tantial rance	This audit reviewed the key controls of the Council Tax & NNDR functions during the 2006/7 period.
Council Tax- Audit for 2007		Redundant Total High 1	_	All the controls were found to be in place and working effectively during the 2006/7 period and so substantial assurance has been given for both of the functions.
		Total 1	1	One high priority recommendation has be re-raised regarding making improvements to the access and privileges to application controls over the I-World system. The current audit found that no progress has been made since it was originally raised in December 2005. Without sufficient logical access controls the integrity of the data in the system is compromised.

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High David Lamb 080.1/2008.bf	12. Survey Issued 13-May-2008	Overall Audit Opini	ion	Substa Assura	itial	Council Tax and NNDR processes were found to be largely well-controlled, with effective integration between the iWorld revenues database and Iclipse document imaging system.		
Council Tax - Audit for 2008		High In p Medium In p Total In p	progress 1 2 3	Total 1 2 3		Further improvement is envisaged with the introduction of the ASH recovery system which should help improve recovery processes (including collection of non-Revenues debts such as parking and commercial rents). A third of the Council Tax property-related exemption/discounts tested did not have property inspections undertaken to the required quarterly frequency. The Council Tax Manager is undertaking action to correct this. Revenues have made progress on a previous recommendation regarding the need to match iWorld access level to job role. Work has been undertaken with the software supplier to set up differing levels of access to I-World. Review of these access levels demonstrated that a number of officers had been placed in the management access level where their role did not require this. Assurance has been given by Revenues that this has now been corrected. Revenues are reviewing their processes through the Vanguard workflow methodology. Revenues should ensure the documented workflow charts feed into an update of written procedures, which have been in draft format and not authorised since 2005.		

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High David Lamb 081.1/2008.bf	11. Final Report Issued 15-May-2008	Overall Audit	Opinion	Substa Assura	Council Tax and NNDR processes were found to be large well-controlled, with effective integration between the iWor revenues database and Iclipse document imaging system		
NNDR - Audit for 2008		Low Medium Total	In progress 1 1 2	1	Further improvement is envisaged with the introduction of the ASH recovery system which should help improv recovery processes (including collection of non-Revenue debts such as parking and commercial rents). A third of the Council Tax property-relate exemption/discounts tested did not have propert inspections undertaken to the required quarterly frequency. The Council Tax Manager is undertaking action to correct this. Revenues have made progress on a previou recommendation regarding the need to match iWorl access level to job role. Work has been undertaken with th software supplier to set up differing levels of access t I-World. Review of these access levels demonstrated that number of officers had been placed in the managemen access level where their role did not require this. Assurance has been given by Revenues that this has now bee corrected. Revenues are reviewing their processes through th Vanguard workflow methodology. Revenues should ensur the documented workflow charts feed into an update of written procedures, which have been in draft format and no authorised since 2005.		

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High Doug Gray 087.2/2008.bf Occupational Road Risk - Audit for 2008	11. Final Report Issued 09-May-2008	Overall Audit Opinion No Assurance In progress Total High 3 Total 3					Internal Audit maintains an awareness of emerging risks which could impact on AVDC's operations. One such risk is the increased responsibility on organisations to ensure that people who drive on their behalf are legal and safe. This is regardless of whether they are drive a company vehicle or their own. The Corporate Homicide and Manslaughter Act 2007 fully came into effect at the beggining of April 2008. It is now easier for organisations to be sued if they fail to carry out basic checks to ensure their drivers have the appropriate documentation i.e. valid licence, MoT (if its a private vehicle) and appropriate insurance. This audit reviewed what checking processes are in place at AVDC and found that there is not a standard and consistent approach being adopted. By having no mechanism for checking AVDC is at some risk of financial loss and reputation damage should a member of staff be involved in an accident.	
High Val Hinkins 601.1/2008	11. Final Report Issued 21-February-2008	Overall Audit Opinion External Audit					External Audit Report Items transferred from previous Audit Tracker spreadsheet	
External Audit			Completed	In progress	Total			
Tracker - External		High	7	2	9			
Audit		Medium	1	1	2			
		Total	8	3	11			
High Val Hinkins 601.2/2008	11. Final Report Issued 21-February-2008	Overall Audit Opinion External Audit					External Audit Report This letter provides an overall summary of the Audit Commission's assessment of the Council. It draws on work	
Annual Audit &			Completed	In progress	Total		performed by the External Auditors during 2006.	
Inspection Letter		High	9		10			
(March 2007) - External Audit		Total	9	1	10			

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High Val Hinkins 601.4/2008 Annual Governance Report - External Audit	11. Final Report Issued 30-September-2007	Overall Audit Opinion Completed High 3 Total 3	Total 3 3	it		External Audit Report This report provides a summary of the work carried out by External Audit during the audit of the 2006/7 accounts, the conclusions reached and the recommendations made to discharge External Audit's statutory audit responsibilities. Key messages: Unqualified audit opinion; Statement of Internal Control prepared in accordance with proper practice; Use of Resources work complete, an unqualified opinion. Recommendations made to improve the final accounts process.
High Val Hinkins 601.5/2008	11. Final Report Issued 10-March-2008	Overall Audit Opinion	External Aud	it	-	External Audit Report Management Arrangements Overall assessment level 3 (Performing Well) an
Data Quality -		Completed	In progress	Total		improvement over level 2 in the previous year.
External Audit		Medium 1	12	13		Analytical Review PI values reviewed fell within the expected ranges.
		Total 1	12	13		Data Quality Spot Checks
						Review and spot checks of specific PI's found that they were fairly stated.
Medium David Lamb 009.1/2007.bf	11. Final Report Issued 02-April-2007	Overall Audit Opinion	Limited Assu	irance		Requests for information made under these Acts are properly dealt with.
Data Protection &		Completed	In progress	Total		Some concerns raised over policies, procedures and compliance with the Data Protection Principles.
FOI - Audit for 2007		High 0	1	1		
		Medium 2	2	4		
		Total 2	3	5		

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Medium Doug Gray 026.1/2007.bf Postal Service - Audit for 2007	11. Final Report Issued 22-May-2007	Overall Audit OpinionSubstantial AssuranceImage: Constraint of the second	Value for Money review. No scope for immediate savings identified. Two suggestions for further work made, these will be considered in the context of the Pathfinder Support Services stream when it looks at savings to be made in Facilities Management.
Medium David Lamb 026.1/2008 Charging Policy - Audit for 2008	12. Survey Issued 16-August-2007	Overall Audit Opinion Substantial Assurance In progress Total Medium 3 3 Total 3 3	The Charging Policy has not been reviewed or communicated since it was issued in 2002. However departments are broadly compliant with the main tenant of the Charging Policy, that discretionary fees and charges should recover the cost of providing a service. Important elements of the policy have not been implemented in practice, principally the requirement for services to evidence that they review all charging opportunities on a regular basis, including areas not currently charged for. The Head of Finance has agreed to review and update the policy including giving more specific guidance on costing out services. Accountancy will ensure that departments are complying with the Charging Policy during the budget-setting process. Departments will also be required to evidence compliance with the Charging Policy on their service plans.
Medium Doug Gray 047.1/2008.bf Cash Offices - Audit for 2008	12. Survey Issued 16-May-2008	Overall Audit Opinion Substantial Assurance In progress Total Medium 3 Total 3	The objective of this audit has been to ensure that the systems for maintaining the security of the income and the accurate and timely updating of the Council's financial systems are robust. 3 recommendations have been raised which we have classed as medium priority. Whilst there has been no significant breakdown in controls identified the findings warrent attention because they could impact on the achievement of the objectives.

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Medium David Lamb 048.1/2008 Concessionary Travel - Audit for 2008	12. Survey Issued	Overall Audit OpinionSubstantial AssuranceCompletedTotalMedium3Total3		Recommendations related to the risks associated with both the previous scheme and the new national scheme which started in April 2008.
Medium Doug Gray 060.1/2007.bf	12. Survey Issued 24-August-2007	Overall Audit Opinion Substantial Assurance		Some recommendations relate to suggested changes to the APTOS accountancy system. These have been delayed awaiting the outcome of the Pathfinder Support Services
Creditors - Audit for		Completed In progress	Total	stream on future arrangements for financial services.
2007		Low 0 1 Medium 2 1	3	
		Total 2 2	4	

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Medium David Lamb 071.1/2008	12. Survey Issued 01-October-2007	Overall Audit	Opinion	Limited Assu	rance		The Information Governance Group need to confirm that their terms of reference extends to the Telephone Procedures as some sections are focused on customer care	
Internet & Email-			Completed	In progress	Redundar	nt	Total	related issues as opposed to information security. The group should also ensure there are linkages between the Internet
Audit for 2008		Medium Total	4	1		1	6	& E-mail/Telephone procedures and the updated Information Security Policy.
								The internet usage section of the Internet Procedures place reliance on the judgement of individual Heads of Service managers in reviewing the Internet high usage report although Directors receive these reports as well. T number of high usage users has increased substantia since the last audit review was carried out. In Februa 2003, twelve users exceeded fifteen hours monthly usage between April and June 2007 the figure averaged betwe 32 and 40 users. (The usage reports count the first thr minutes of viewing a new web page, any time after that not included.) What is difficult to gauge is whether this is d to increased use of the Internet for work related reasons because of increased personal use during work time. If t latter is true it is implicit that high personal usage is r being managed effectively.
Medium David Lamb 072.1/2008	11. Final Report Issued 23-November-2007	Overall Audit	Opinion	Substantial Assurance			IT have effective information systems in place to manage the disposal of "core" IT assets such as PC's, monitors and printers to a third party disposal vendor. Recommendations	
Disposal of IT			Completed	In progress	Total			have been made to address weaknesses identified in financial record keeping and the need to evidence more
Assets - Audit for 2008		Medium	1	3	4			than one officer has been involved in the IT hardware disposal process.
		Total	1	3	4			The IT hardware disposal process should be extended to digital cameras, memory sticks, PDA's and defunct mobile phones. The same legislative requirements that apply to "core" IT assets also apply to these devices. IT should communicate to departments that when such equipment becomes obsolete it should be returned to IT for disposal through the third party vendor. Assurance that the WEEE directive is being complied with cannot be given until this recommendation is actioned. The WEEE directive encourages and sets criteria for the collection, treatment and recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment.

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Medium Doug Gray 121.1/2008	12. Survey Issued 16-October-2007	Overall Audit	Opinion	Substantial Assurance			The Council owns 18 car parks 14 of which generate revenue. For 2007/8 they were expected to generate £1.5million.
Car Parks Income -			Completed	In progress	Redundant	Total	This sudit has evaluated the controls that have been put in
Audit for 2008		High	1	0	0	1	This audit has evaluated the controls that have been put in place to ensure the cash that is collected through the
		Low	3	0	0	3	machines is then credited to the Council's bank account complete, accurate and timely.
		Medium 2 1 1 4 The outcome is that 'substantia	The outcome is that 'substantial assurance' has been given				
		Total	6	1	1	8	that the controls are effective. No errors of ommissions were found through our testing.
							However, during the audit the Accountancy Section reported to us that in April and May 2007 a few days takings amounting to £30k had been delayed reaching the bank account, £15k of which has been credited back so there is £15k outstanding for several months. We have concluded that this has not occurred through fault of the Council's staff but the banks processes.