

**AUDIT COMMISSION - GOVERNANCE REPORT**

Corporate Director (Resources)

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To provide the opportunity for the Audit Committee to discuss the Audit Commission Report to those charged with Governance.

**2 Recommendations/for decision**

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| 2.1 The Committee is asked to discuss the contents of the Report following a verbal update at the meeting. |
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**3 Supporting information**

- 3.1 The Council is required to receive the External Auditor's Report to those charged with Governance at a formal Committee meeting.
- 3.2 A draft copy of this report was presented to the Audit Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2008. At that time the Audit Commission were still working on the 2007/08 audit.
- 3.3 The Accounts Memorandum and the Annual Governance Report have been amalgamated into one document. Please note that, due to the timing of the External Audit work at the date required for submission of these papers to the Committee, the Finance staff have not yet had an opportunity to respond to the proposed Action Plan in the Annual Governance Report. The report therefore remains a draft document.
- 3.4 A verbal update on the Annual Governance Report will be given at the Audit Committee meeting. A further draft report has been circulated separately.

**4 Options considered**

- 4.1 None.

**5 Reasons for Recommendation**

- 5.1 This report is an integral part of the independent external audit process and requires formal reporting and consideration by a Committee of the Council.

**6 Resource implications**

- 6.1 None

**7 Response to Key Aims and Objectives**

- 7.1 The External Audit review process underpins the Council's own performance management framework which is designed to ensure optimum delivery of the key aims and outcomes in the Corporate Plan.

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Background Documents

Names of Background documents