

**AUDIT COMMISSION REPORT ON GOVERNANCE**  
**– MARCH 2009**

Corporate Director (Resources)

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To update the Audit Committee on progress made since the last Committee meeting in preparing the Audit Commission's Report to those charged with Governance.

**2 Recommendations/for decision**

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| 2.1 The Committee is asked to note and discuss the verbal update to be provided by the External Auditors. |
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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 version was presented at the Committee meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008 but this did not include the final Action Plan agreed by officers.
- 3.3 External Audit has held meetings with officers of AVDC and agreed a way forward which will include an action plan to finalise the report. The External Auditors will provide a verbal update to the Committee on the progress of this work and arrangements made.

**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. The Audit Committee needs to be made aware of progress made in the preparation of the report.

**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

Minutes of Audit Committee meetings 2008/09.