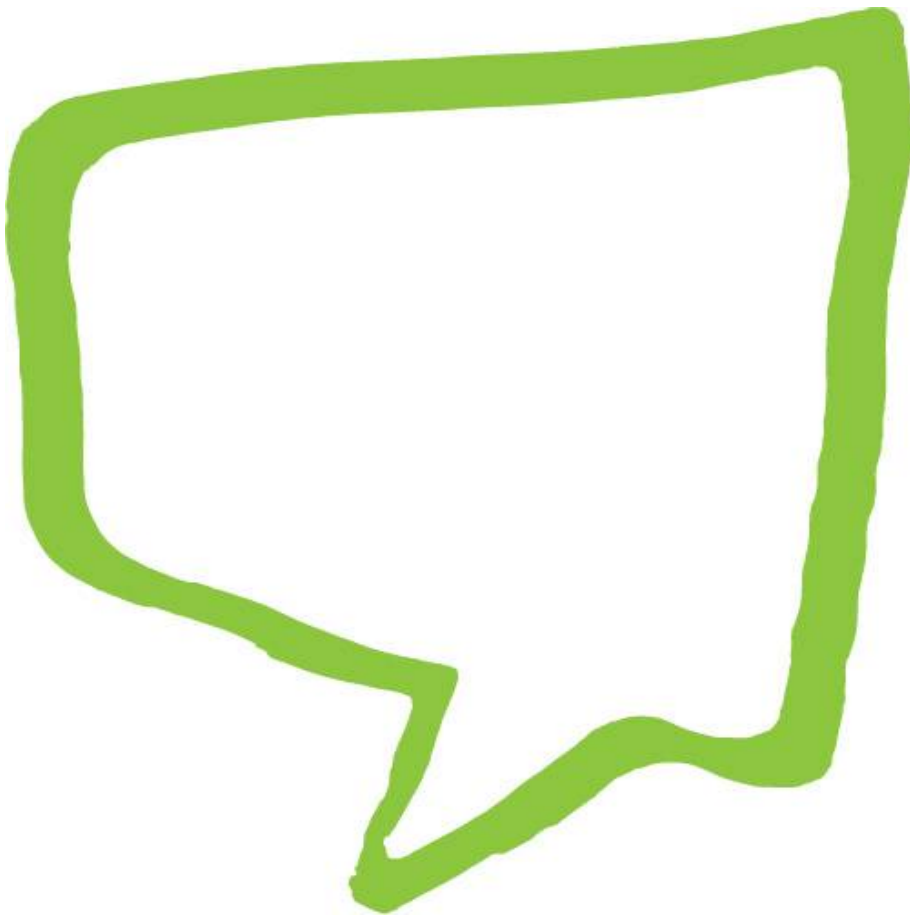


Progress Report

Southampton City Council
Audit 2009/10 & 2010/11
January 2010



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Progress with 2009/10 audit and assessment

Report	AC key contact	Authority contact	Expected report	Reported to Audit Committee	Comment
Audit plan 2009/10	Kate Handy	Audit Committee	March 2009	24 June 2009	<p>The initial fee letter for 2009/10 was agreed with officers in April 2009 and presented to the Audit Committee at its 24 June 2009 meeting.</p> <p>A more detailed opinion plan will be prepared and discussed with officers before we commence our 2009/10 final accounts audit</p>
Area Assessment Plan	Linda Krywald	Audit Committee	March 2009	24 June 2009	<p>The letter setting out the approach and fee for the Organisational Assessment (OA) and Area Assessment (AA) was agreed with officers in April 2009 and reported to the Audit</p>

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					Committee at its meeting on 24 June 2009. The OA and AA reports were published in December 2009 and a briefing session for members will take place on 20 January 2010.
Financial statements					
Interim audit memorandum (If appropriate)	Mike Bowers	Carolyn Williamson	June 2010		
Annual Governance Report (ISA260)	Kate Handy	Standards and Governance Committee	September 2010		
Accounts opinion	Kate Handy	Standards and Governance Committee	September 2010		
Final Accounts memorandum (If appropriate)	Mike Bowers	Carolyn Williamson	October 2010		
Use of Resources					
Use of Resources	Kate Handy	Brad Roynon	September 2010		

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Building Schools for the Future- overview (If necessary)	Jane Burns	Clive Webster	N/A		There are no issues that we need to bring to the Audit Committee's attention at this time.
Highways maintenance	Tim Thomas Gordon Westley	Nick Johnson	Updates as necessary	25 January 2010	An initial update report was sent to key officers in August 2009. The report was discussed at the meeting of the Project Board in December 2009 and is attached as a separate item on this agenda.
Data Quality Spot checks (If necessary)	Mike Bowers	Joy Wilmot-Palmer	N/A		
Inspection					
Short Notice Inspection (Pilot) –Local authority strategic housing services	Julie Watts	Nick Murphy	June 2009	25 January 2010	The SNI was carried out in June 2009 and an initial report was sent to the Council. Following discussions the final report was agreed with officers in September 2009. The Council's action plan was agreed

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					<p>by the Cabinet Member for Housing and Local Services in December 2009.</p> <p>The report and the approved action plan are on the agenda for this meeting of the Audit Committee</p>

Progress with 2010/11 audit and assessment

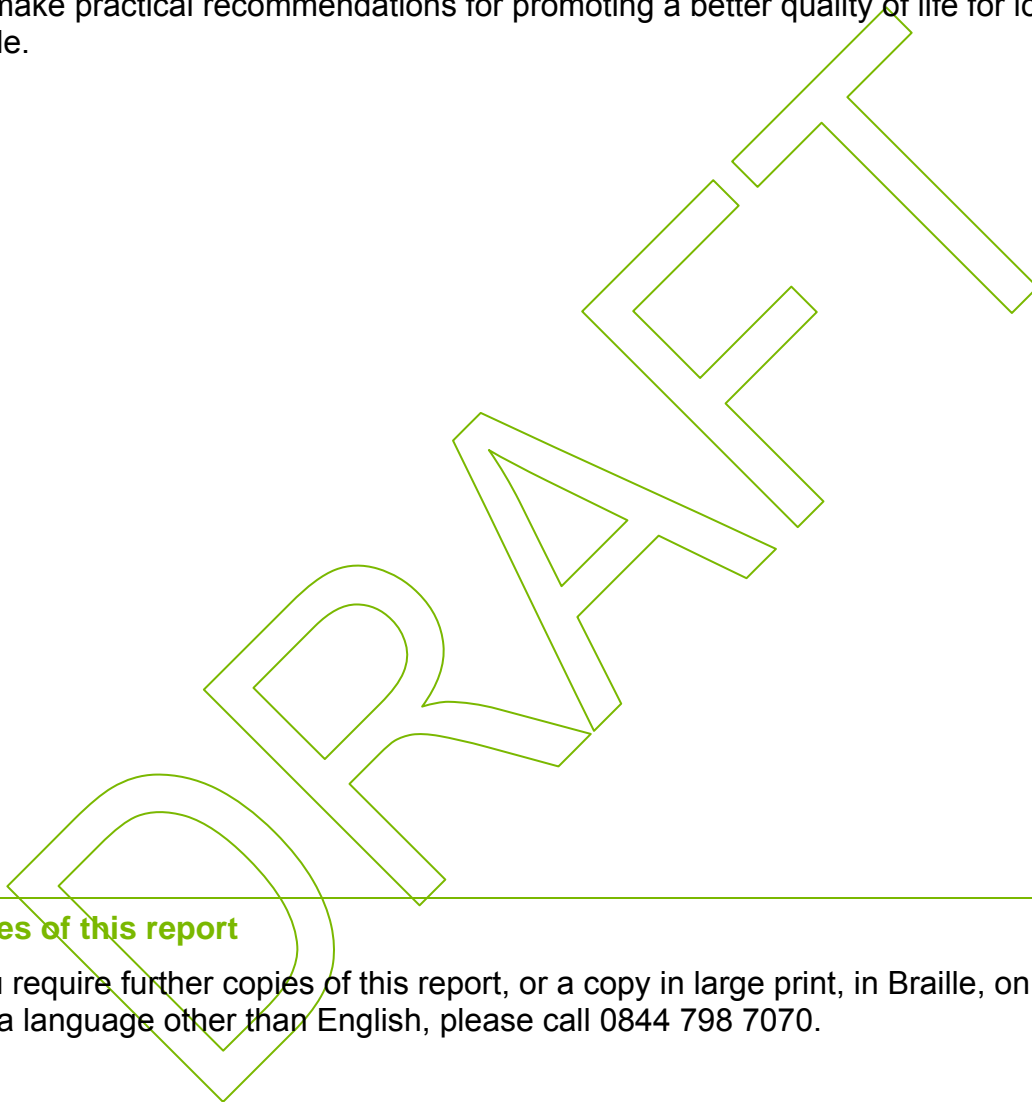
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Audit plan 2010/11	Kate Handy	Audit Committee	June 2010		.
Area Assessment Plan	Linda Krywald	Audit Committee	June 2010		

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