

DECISION-MAKER:	AUDIT COMMITTEE		
SUBJECT:	AUDIT COMMISSION: ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT 2009/10		
DATE OF DECISION:	22 SEPTEMBER 2010		
REPORT OF:	CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

NOT APPLICABLE

SUMMARY

The Annual Governance Report summarises the findings from the 2009/10 audit which is substantially complete. It includes the messages arising from the audit of the Council's financial statements and the results of the work undertaken to assess how well the Council uses and manages their resources to deliver value for money.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the Audit Committee notes the Audit Commission's reports as attached.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Audit Committee's Terms of Reference require it to be satisfied and provide assurance to the Standards and Governance Committee that appropriate action is being taken on risk and internal control related issues identified by the external auditors. Specifically, the Committee has responsibility for oversight of the reports of external audit.

CONSULTATION

2. The reports, as attached, have been discussed and agreed with the appropriate officers.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. None

DETAIL

4. The following Audit Commission reports are attached for consideration in the appendix:
 - Annual Governance Report 2009/10
 - Supplementary Papers

The external auditor will be in attendance at the Committee meeting to answer any questions.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

5. None

Revenue

6. None

Property

7. None

Other

8. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

9. The duties and powers of auditors appointed by the Audit Commission are set out in the Local Government Act 1999.

Other Legal Implications:

10. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

11. None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Audit Commission: DRAFT Annual Governance Report 2009/10
2.	Supplementary Papers

Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Background Documents

Title of Background Paper(s)

Relevant Paragraph of the
Access to Information
Procedure Rules / Schedule
12A allowing document to be
Exempt/Confidential (if
applicable)

1.	None	
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Background documents available for inspection at: Internal Audit Office, North Block
Basement, Civic Centre

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FORWARD PLAN No:

n/a

KEY DECISION?

n/a

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WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED: N/A
