

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	AUDIT COMMITTEE		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	RISK MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN 2009-10: STATUS REPORT		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2010		
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#### **STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

NOT APPLICABLE

#### **SUMMARY**

The Committee will recall the “Risk Management Strategy and Action Plan” report and supporting documents that were presented and approved at the Audit Committee meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009. In accordance with the Strategy, progress against the agreed ‘Risk Management Action Plan’ shall be reported to the Audit Committee on an annual basis with a ‘mid term’ status report.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Audit Committee is asked to:-

- (i) Note the Risk Management Action Plan 2009-10: Status Report (Appendix 1).

#### **REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. This report is presented to the Audit Committee in their capacity as the member body with responsibility for providing independent assurance to the Standards and Governance Committee on the adequacy of the risk management framework and the internal control and reporting environment, including (but not limited to) the reliability of the financial reporting process and the statement of internal control.
2. The Audit Committee is also responsible for providing assurance to the Standards and Governance Committee that appropriate action is being taken on risk and internal control related issues identified by the internal and external auditors and other review and inspection bodies.

#### **CONSULTATION**

3. The Risk Management Action Plan status report has been developed in consultation with the ‘Resources Board’ (in their capacity as the council risk management group).

## **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

4. Not applicable.

## **DETAIL**

5. Effective risk management is a key element of corporate governance, and is recognised as such in:-
- The CIPFA/SOLACE Corporate Governance Framework;
  - CIPFA's guidance on the Statement on Internal Control; and
  - The Audit Commission's Use of Resources assessment for the Comprehensive Performance Assessment ("CPA").
6. The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006 also state that the Council is "responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control which facilitates the effective exercise of its functions, and which includes arrangements for the management of risk".

## **FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Capital**

NONE

### **Revenue**

NONE

### **Property**

No specific property implications have been identified in this report.

### **Other**

NONE

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

### **Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:**

The Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 require the Council to adopt Good Governance arrangements in respect of the discharge of its functions. The above arrangements are intended to meet those responsibilities.

### **Other Legal Implications:**

NONE

## **POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

NONE

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Appendices**

1.	Risk Management Action Plan 2009-10: Status Report
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**Documents In Members' Rooms**

1.	NONE
2.	

**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.		
2.		

**Background documents available for inspection at:** Internal Audit Office, North  
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**FORWARD PLAN No:** N/A

**KEY DECISION?**

N/A

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**WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:**

NOT APPLICABLE