

Progress

Report

Southampton City Council

Audit 2009/10 and 2010/11

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Financial statements					
Annual Governance Report (ISA260)	Kate Handy	Standards and Governance Committee	September 2010	September 2010	The AGR was presented at the September meeting of the Audit Committee and Standards & Governance Committee. A meeting was also held with the Chair of the Standards & Governance Committee on 29 September 2010 in respect of the treatment of the Equal Pay Provision in the 2009/10 financial statements.
Accounts opinion	Kate Handy	Standards and Governance Committee	September 2010	September 2010	An unqualified audit opinion was issued on 30 September 2010
Final Accounts memorandum (If appropriate)	Mike Bowers	Rob Carr	October 2010	N/A	An exit meeting has been held with officers following the completion of the 2009/10 opinion audit. There are no further issues that we need to bring to members attention.
Use of Resources					
Value for money conclusion	Kate Handy	Brad Roynon	September 2010	N/A	An unqualified value for money conclusion was issued on 30 September 2010

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Annual Audit Letter					
Annual Audit Letter	Kate Handy	Standards and Governance Committee	November 2010	November 2010	The Annual Audit Letter was issued to members before the 30 November 2010, and will be presented to the Audit Committee and Standards & Governance Committee in December 2010.

Progress with 2010/11 audit

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Audit plan 2010/11	Kate Handy	Audit Committee	June 2010	June 2010	The initial fee letter for 2010/11 was presented at the June 2010 meeting. A more detailed opinion plan will be prepared and discussed with officers when the audit for 2009/10 has been completed.

Financial statements

Interim audit memorandum (If appropriate)	Mike Bowers	Andrew Lowe	June 2011		The pre statements audit is planned to be completed during the period February to April 2011.
Annual Governance Report (ISA260)	Kate Handy	Standards and Governance Committee	September 2011		
Accounts opinion	Kate Handy	Standards and Governance Committee	September 2011		
Final Accounts memorandum (If appropriate)	Mike Bowers	Andrew Lowe	October 2011		

Value for money conclusion

Value for money conclusion	Kate Handy	Standards and Governance Committee	September 2011		
Highways maintenance	Tim Thomas	Lorraine Brown	March 2011		An initial set up meeting has been held in November 2010 with key officers.

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Certification of grant claims and returns					
Annual report	Mike Bowers	Andrew Lowe	March 2011		

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