

DECISION-MAKER:	AUDIT COMMITTEE
SUBJECT:	AUDIT COMMISSION: AUDIT AND INSPECTION PROGRESS REPORT
DATE OF DECISION:	06 DECEMBER 2011
REPORT OF:	CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
Not Applicable.	

BRIEF SUMMARY

The audit and inspection plan is based on the Audit Commission's risk-based approach to audit planning as set out in the Code of Audit Practice. An update on progress against the Plan(s) is attached as an appendix to this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the Audit Committee notes the Audit Commission's progress 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.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. The following Audit Commission reports are attached for consideration in the appendix:
 - Progress report – November 2011

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

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

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

4. None.

Property/Other

5. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

6. The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 require the Council to ‘undertake an adequate and effective internal audit of its accounting records and of its system of internal control in accordance with the proper practices in relation to internal control.’

Other Legal Implications:

7. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

8. None.

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KEY DECISION? No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Non-confidential appendices are in the Members’ Rooms and can be accessed on-line

Appendices

1.	Audit Commission: Progress report – November 2011
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Documents In Members’ Rooms

1.	None
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Integrated Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to be carried out.	No
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Other Background Documents

Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

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