

## ITEM NO: 7

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	AUDIT COMMITTEE		
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	AUDIT COMMISSION: AUDIT AND INSPECTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT		
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> MARCH 2008		
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR		
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### STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

NOT APPLICABLE

### SUMMARY

The 2006-2007 Audit and Inspection Plan was presented to the Audit Committee 28<sup>th</sup> March 2007. The Plan sets out the audit and inspection work that the Audit Commission, as the Council's appointed external auditors, propose to undertake for the 2007/08 financial year, based on the Audit Commission's risk-based approach to audit planning and the requirements of Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA).

An update on progress against the Plan, together with reports issued, is attached as appendices to this report.

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the Audit Committee notes the Audit Commissions 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:
  - Progress report – March 2008
  - Data Quality Report 2006/07

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: Progress report – March 2008
2.	Audit Commission: Data Quality 2006/07

### 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:** N/A

**FORWARD PLAN No:** N/A

**KEY DECISION?** NO

**WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:** N/A