

ITEM NO:7

DECISION-MAKER:	AUDIT COMMITTEE			
SUBJECT:	AUDIT COMMISSION: AUDIT AND INSPECTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT			
DATE OF DECISION:	24 SEPTEMBER 2008			
REPORT OF:	CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR			
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

NOT APPLICABLE

SUMMARY

The Audit Commission's "Audit and Inspection Plans" are presented annually to the Audit Committee. The Plans set out the audit and inspection work that the Audit Commission, as the Council's appointed external auditors, proposes to undertake 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 these Plans, 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 – September 2008
 - DRAFT Annual Governance Report 2007/08

- Internal Audit Assessment 2007/08
- Improving service outcomes: Gas, Voids and Income Management (plus draft management action plans)

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

FINANCIAL/RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital

None

Revenue

None

Property

None

Other

None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

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

Other Legal Implications:

None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Audit Commission: Progress report – September 2008
2.	Audit Commission: DRAFT Annual Governance Report 2007/08
3.	Audit Commission: Internal Audit Assessment 2007-08
4.	Audit Commission: Improving service outcomes: Gas, Voids and Income Management
	(i) Income collection improvement DRAFT action plan
	(ii) Void properties DRAFT action plan
	(iii) Gas annual safety check and servicing DRAFT action plan

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

FORWARD PLAN No: N/A **KEY DECISION?** N/A

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED: N/A