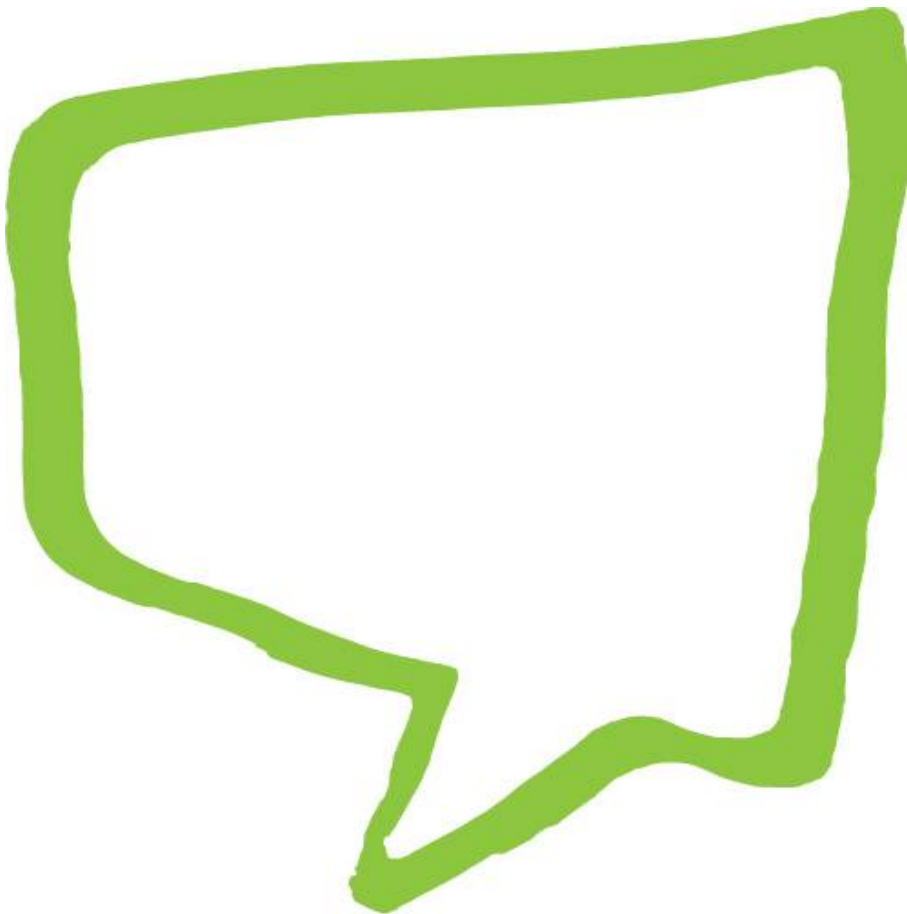


Progress Report

Southampton City Council

Audit 2007/08, Audit 2008/09, Audit 2009/10

March 2009



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Progress with 2007/08 audit and inspection

Report	AC key contact	Authority contact	Expected report	Reported to Audit Committee	Comment
Annual Audit and Inspection Letter	Kate Handy/ Linda Krywald	Audit Committee	March 2009	19 March 2009	Presented to Council 18 March 2009 and on the Audit Committee agenda for 19 March 2009. Will be taken to the Standards and Governance Committee meeting in April 2009.

Progress with 2008/09 audit and inspection

Report	AC key contact	Authority contact	Expected report	Reported to Audit Committee	Comment
Audit plan 2008/09	Mike Bowers	Audit Committee	March 2008	28 March 2008	Plan finalised and issued. A supplementary fees plan will be prepared and agreed now that the 2007/08 audit has been completed.
Financial statements					
Interim audit memorandum (If appropriate)	Mike Bowers	Carolyn Williamson	May 2009		The audit has commenced in February 2009.
Annual Governance Report (ISA260)	Kate Handy	Standards and Governance Committee	September 2009		
Accounts opinion	Kate Handy	Standards and Governance Committee	September 2009		
Final Accounts memorandum (If appropriate)	Mike Bowers	Carolyn Williamson	October 2009		

Progress with 2008/09 audit and inspection

Report	AC key contact	Authority contact	Expected report	Reported to Audit Committee	Comment
Use of Resources					
Use of Resources	Kate Handy	Brad Roynon	December 2008	19 March 2009	The Audit Commission have informed the Council of the results of the assessment on 8 December 2008. The report has been agreed finalised and issued, and is on the agenda for this meeting.
Data Quality	Mike Bowers	Joy Wilmot-Palmer	March 2009	19 March 2009	The report has been agreed finalised and issued, and is on the agenda for this meeting.
Review of SSP Implementation	Jane Burns	Carolyn Williamson	December 2008	15 Dec. 2008	This report has been agreed, finalised and issued.
Housing management performance	Sara Kulay	Nick Murphy	September 2008	24 Sept. 2008	The findings were presented to the Audit Committee on 24 September 2008.

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Review of Southampton health and wellbeing community planning	Angela Blowman	Joy Wilmot - Palmer	December 2008		<p>This piece of work is considering the partnership arrangements in place across the city and includes the PCT and SUHT.</p> <p>The work has been agreed by all three Chief Executives. Documents have been reviewed and interviews with key officers held.</p> <p>A working draft was discussed with officers representing the Council, the PCT and SUHT on 24 November.</p> <p>A revised version of the report was issued to the organisations during the week beginning 2 February 2009, and a meeting has been arranged on 20 March 2009.</p>

Progress with 2008/09 audit and inspection

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Inspection					
Direction of Travel Report	Linda Krywald	Brad Roynon	March 2009	19 March 2009	The DoT statement has been discussed and agreed with Officers. The DoT statement is included in the AAIL for 2007/08 that is on this agenda.
Annual Audit and Inspection Letter	Kate Handy/ Linda Krywald	Audit Committee	March 2010		

Progress with 2009/10 audit and assessment

Report	AC key contact	Authority contact	Expected report	Reported to Audit Committee	Comment
Audit plan 2009/10	Mike Bowers	Audit Committee	March 2009		We will prepare an initial audit fee plan for 2009/10 during February/March 2009, based upon the results of our previous audit work and the Audit Commission's fee scale. A more detailed opinion plan will then be prepared and discussed with officers when the audit for 2008/09 has been completed.
Area Assessment Plan	Linda Krywald	Audit Committee	March 2009		We will prepare a separate letter setting out the approach and fee for the Organisational Assessment and Area Assessment.

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