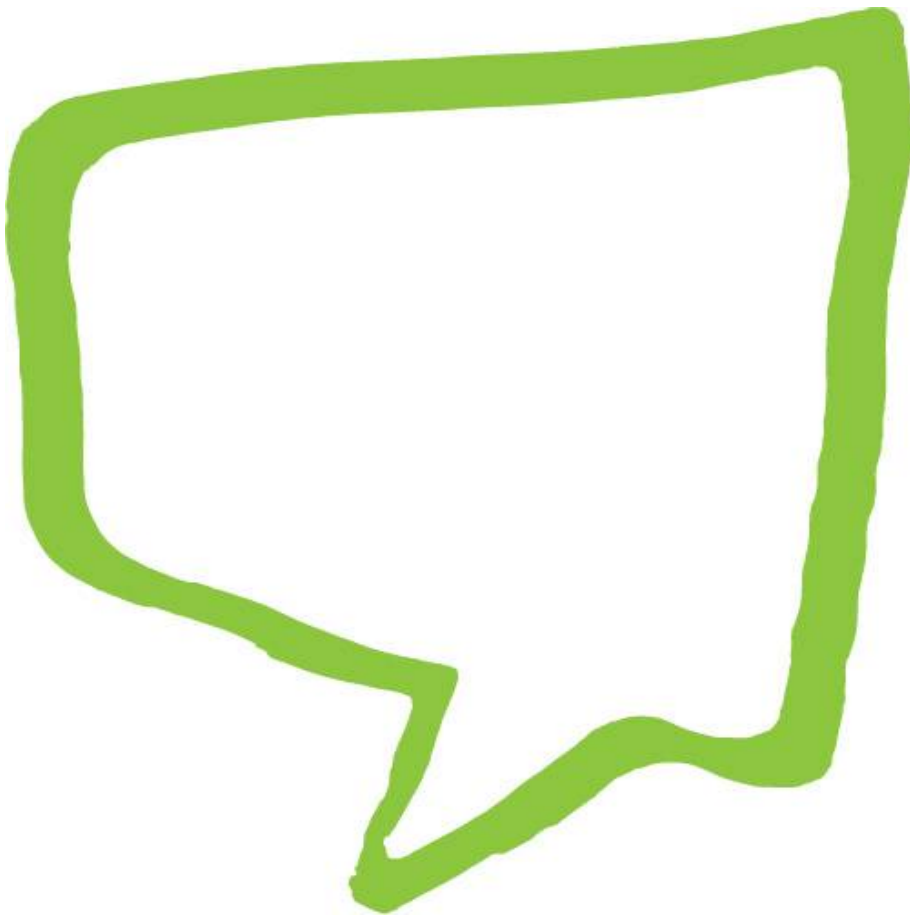


Progress Report

Southampton City Council
Audit 2008/09 & Audit 2009/10
June 2009



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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	<p>Plan finalised and issued.</p> <p>We are now in a position to do this as the opinion work is about to commence. A supplementary fee plan for 2008/09 has now been prepared and is on the agenda for this meeting.</p> <p>This letter represents our supplementary opinion plan under International Standard on Auditing (United Kingdom and Ireland) 300.</p>

Report	AC key contact	Authority contact	Expected report	Reported to Audit Committee	Comment
Financial statements					
Interim audit memorandum (If appropriate)	Mike Bowers	Carolyn Williamson	May 2009	N/A	<p>The pre statements audit has been completed, subject to year end testing of controls work.</p> <p>The issues arising have been discussed with key officers. There is however nothing that we need to bring to the immediate attention of the Audit Committee and therefore we will summarise our findings within a report covering both our pre statements work and the audit of the financial statements.</p> <p>We can however confirm that Internal Audit do comply with the Cipfa Code of Practice for Internal Audit in Local</p>

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					Government (2006)
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		
Use of Resources					
Use of Resources	Kate Handy	Brad Roynon	December 2008	19 March 2009	The report has been agreed, finalised and issued.
Data Quality	Mike Bowers	Joy Wilmot-Palmer	March 2009	19 March 2009	The report has been agreed, finalised and issued.
Review of SSP Implementation	Jane Burns	Carolyn Williamson	December 2008	15 December. 2008	This report has been agreed, finalised and issued.

Report	AC key contact	Authority contact	Expected report	Reported to Audit Committee	Comment
Housing management performance	Sara Kulay	Nick Murphy	September 2008	24 Sept.ember 2008	The findings were presented to the Audit Committee on 24 September 2008.
Review of Southampton health and wellbeing community planning	Angela Blowman	Joy Wilmot - Palmer	December 2008		<p>This piece of work considers the partnership arrangements in place across the city and includes the Council, the PCT and SUHT.</p> <p>Drafts of the report have been discussed with officers in November 2008 and March 2009.</p> <p>The plan has been agreed with all parties and we have sent a summary report to the Chief Executives of both the City Council and the PCT. We will provide an update to the Audit Committee.</p>

Report	AC key contact	Authority contact	Expected report	Reported to Audit Committee	Comment
Inspection					
Direction of Travel Report	Linda Krywald	Brad Roynon	March 2009	19 March 2009	The DoT statement was reported within the 2007/08 Annual Audit & Inspection Letter.
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	Kate Handy	Audit Committee	March 2009	24 June 2009	The initial fee letter for 2009/10 is included on the agenda for this meeting. It is based upon the results of our previous audit work and the Audit Commission's fee scale for 2009/10. A more detailed opinion plan will be prepared and discussed with officers when the audit for 2008/09 as been completed.
Area Assessment Plan	Linda Krywald	Audit Committee	March 2009	24 June 2009	The letter setting out the approach and fee for the Organisational Assessment and Area Assessment is included on the agenda for this meeting.

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