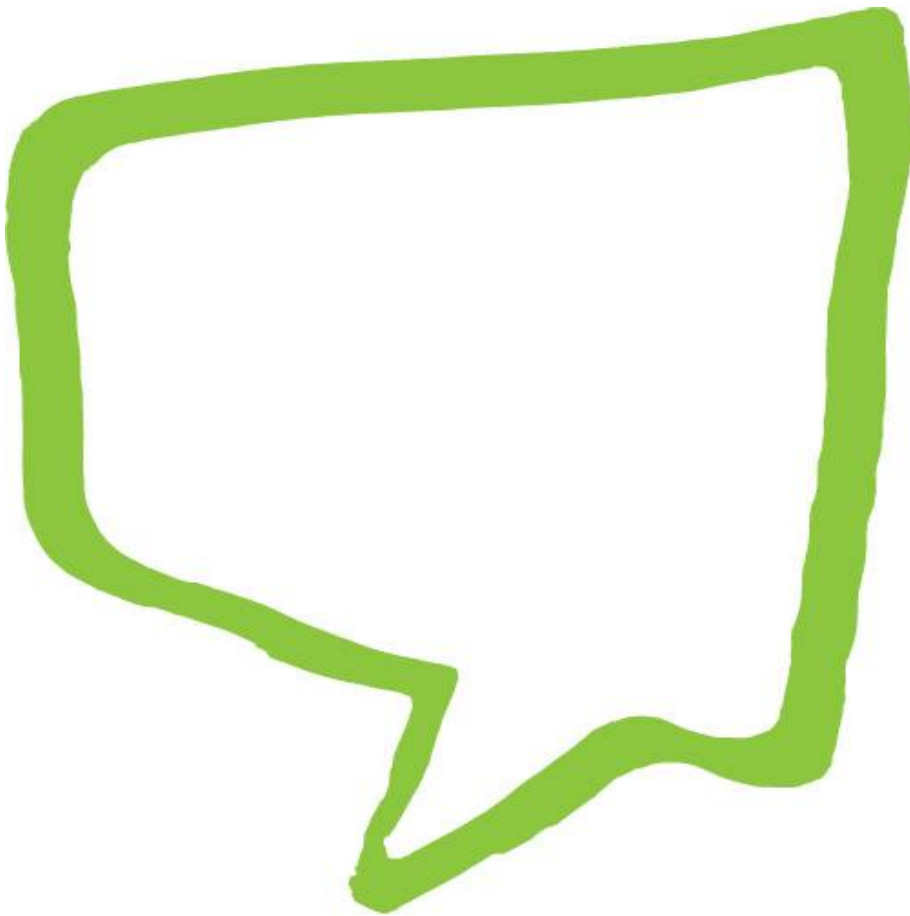


Progress Report

Southampton City Council

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

November 2008



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Progress with 2007/08 audit and inspection

Report	AC key contact	Authority contact	Expected report	Reported to Audit Committee	Comment
Audit plan 2007/08	Steve Goodyear	Audit Committee	March 2007	28 March 2007	Plan finalised.
Financial statements					
Interim audit memorandum	Mike Bowers	Carolyn Williamson	May 2008	25 June 2008	Report has been agreed, finalised and issued.
Internal Audit Assessment	Mike Bowers	Sarah Dennis	June 2008	24 Sept. 2008	Report has been agreed, finalised and issued.
Annual Governance Report (ISA260)	Kate Handy	Standards and Governance Committee	September 2008	24 Sept. 2008	Report presented to Standards & Governance Committee 25 September 2008
Accounts opinion	Kate Handy	Standards and Governance Committee	September 2008	24 Sept. 2008	As above
Final Accounts memorandum (If appropriate)	Mike Bowers	Carolyn Williamson	October 2008	N/A	Issues reported in Annual Governance Report above

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Use of resources					
Data Quality	Sara Floody and Angela Blowman	Joy Wilmot-Palmer	October 2007	27 March 2008	This report has been agreed, finalised and issued.
Health Inequalities	Sarah Anderson	Andrew Mortimore	December 2007	24 Jan. 2008	The report has been agreed, finalised and issued.
BVPP Auditor's Report	Sara Floody	Carolyn Williamson	December 2007	24 Jan. 2008	The report has been agreed, finalised and issued.
Your Business at Risk (YB@Risk)	Janina Rustige	Martin Tipper	November 2007	24 Jan. 2008	Report has been agreed, finalised and issued.
Use of Resources	Stephen Taylor	Brad Roynon	December 2007	24 Jan. 2008	The report has been agreed, finalised and issued.
Inspection					
Corporate Assessment	Karen Esson	Brad Roynon	October 2007	24 Jan. 2008	Report has been agreed, finalised and issued.
Direction of Travel Report	Stephen Taylor	Brad Roynon	February 2008	27 March 2008	The DoT statement has been reported within the agreed Annual Audit & Inspection Letter for 2006/07. which has been issued to all members of the Council in March 2008.
Annual Audit and Inspection Letter	Kate Handy / Linda Krywald	Audit Committee	March 2009	TBC	

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.
Financial statements					
Interim audit memorandum (If appropriate)	Mike Bowers	Carolyn Williamson	May 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		

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Use of Resources					
Use of Resources	Kate Handy	Brad Roynon	December 2008		The Audit Commission have informed the Council of the results of the assessment on 8 December 2008. The draft report has been prepared and will be discussed with officers before being presented to the Audit Committee.
Review of SSP Implementation	Jane Burns	Carolyn Williamson	December 2008	15 Dec. 2008	This report has been finalised following agreement with officers and will be discussed on 15 December 2008 with members.
Housing management performance	Sara Kulay	Nick Murphy	September 2008	24 Sept. 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		This piece of work is considering the partnership arrangements in place across the city and includes the PCT and SUHT. The work has been agreed by all three Chief Executives. Documents have been reviewed and interviews with key officers held. A working draft was discussed with officers representing the Council, the

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					PCT and SUHT on 24 November.
Inspection					
Direction of Travel Report	Linda Krywald	Brad Roynon	March 2009		Discussions with officers have been held and initial feedback to the Chief Executive is planned early in December 2008. The DoT statement will be included within the draft AAIL for 2007/08 that is to be presented to members in March 2009.
Annual Audit and Inspection Letter	Kate Handy /Linda Krywald	Audit Committee	March 2010	TBC	

Progress with 2009/10 audit and inspection

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

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