

Agenda Item 7

DECISION-MAKER:	AUDIT COMMITTEE		
SUBJECT:	AUDIT COMMISSION: AUDIT AND INSPECTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT		
DATE OF DECISION:	25 th JANUARY 2010		
REPORT OF:	CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR (Acting)		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
NOT APPLICABLE			

SUMMARY

The 2009-10 Audit and Inspection plans were presented to the Audit Committee on 24 June 2009. The audit and inspection plan is based on the Audit Commission's risk-based approach to audit planning as set out in the Code of Audit Practice and on the risk-based approach to inspection planning as set out in the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) Framework

An update on progress against the Plan(s), 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 – December 2009
- LA Short Notice Inspection – June 2009
- LA Short Notice Inspection – Action Plan

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 – December 2009
2.	Audit Commission: LA Short Notice Inspection – June 2009
3.	LA Short Notice Inspection – 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)
None	

Background documents available for inspection at: N/a

FORWARD PLAN No:

N/A

KEY DECISION? N/A

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED: All