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| <b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>              | GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE                               |
| <b>SUBJECT:</b>                     | AUDIT COMMISSION: ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT 2011/12 |
| <b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>            | 25 SEPTEMBER 2012                                  |
| <b>REPORT OF:</b>                   | CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR                             |
| <b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b> |  |
| None                                |  |

### **BRIEF SUMMARY**

The Annual Governance Report summarises the findings from the 2011/12 audit which is substantially complete. It includes the messages arising from the audit of the Council's financial statements and the results of the work undertaken to assess how well the Council uses and manages their resources to deliver value for money.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- (i) That the Governance Committee notes the Audit Commission's 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 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.

### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

2. None

### **DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)**

3. The report as attached, has been discussed and agreed with the Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services and Head of Finance and IT. The following Audit Commission reports are attached for consideration in the appendix:

- Annual Governance Report 2011/12

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

### **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Capital/Revenue**

4. None

#### **Property/Other**

5. None

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:**

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

**Other Legal Implications:**

7. None

**POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

8. None

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**KEY DECISION?** Yes/No No

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| <b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b> |  |
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**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Non-confidential appendices are in the Members' Rooms and can be accessed on-line**

**Appendices**

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| 1. | Audit Commission: Annual Governance Report 2011/12 |
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**Documents In Members' Rooms**

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| 1. | None |
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**Integrated Impact Assessment**

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| Do the implications/subject of the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to be carried out. | No |
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**Other Background Documents**

**Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:**

| Title of Background Paper(s) | Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable) |
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| 1. | None |  |
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