

DECISION-MAKER:	GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
SUBJECT:	AUDIT COMMISSION: ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2011/12
DATE OF DECISION:	25 SEPTEMBER 2012
REPORT OF:	CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
Not Applicable	

BRIEF SUMMARY

The Annual Audit Letter presents the results of the District Auditor's statutory audit of the Council's 2011/12 financial statements and the assessment of arrangements to achieve value for money in the Council's use of resources.

The Annual Audit Letter is to be presented to those charged with governance but will not, as historically has been the case, be further presented to Full Council

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the Governance Committee note the Letter, make such comments as are appropriate / necessary and identify any issues they feel are worth exploring as set out in the 2011/12 Annual Audit Letter.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Under the statutory Code of Audit Practice, the Audit Commission is required to issue a report to those charged with governance, summarising the conclusions from their audit work.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. Under Regulation 27 of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 the Annual Audit letter must be published and copied to all Members of the Council. The Annual Audit letter attached at Appendix 1 sets out the Audit Commission's conclusions of the Council's 2011/12 accounts.

The Annual Audit Letter confirms the District Auditors conclusions to:

- issue an unqualified opinion on the Authority's 2011/12 financial statements included in the Authority's Statement of Accounts;
- concluded that you have made proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in your use of resources; and
- certify completion of the audit.

The Annual Audit Letter, as attached, has been discussed and agreed with the appropriate officers.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

4. None

Property/Other

None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

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

Other Legal Implications:

6. None

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

7. None

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KEY DECISION? Yes/No No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	N/A
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

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

Appendices

1.	Annual Audit Letter 2011/12
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Integrated Impact Assessment

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)

1.	None	
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