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AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Report Title	Annual Audit and Inspection Letter	
AGENDA STATUS:	PUBLIC	
Audit Committee Mee	ting Date:	2 June 2009
Policy Document:		NO
Directorate:		Governance and Improvement
Accountable Cabinet	Member:	Malcolm Mildren

1. Purpose

1.1 To present the 2007/08 Annual Audit and Inspection Letter from the Audit Commission.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Note the report

3. Issues and Choices

3.1 Report Background

- 3.1.1 The Annual Audit and Inspection Letter for 2007/08 was received from the Audit Commission in March 2009.
- 3.1.2 The attached report provides an overall summary of the Audit Commission's assessment of the Council. It draws on the most recent Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA), the findings and conclusions from the audit of the Council for 2007/08 and from any inspections undertaken since the last Annual Audit and Inspection Letter.

3.2 Issues

- 3.2.1 The attached report contains detail on the Audit Commission's view of the Council's overall service performance, the external audit of the 2007/08 accounts and their assessment of value for money processes and outcomes.
- 3.2.2 The key messages contained within the report, which starts from page 3, notes the significant progress has made by the Council over the last year.

3.3 Choices (Options)

3.3.1 N/a

4. Implications (including financial implications)

- 4.1 Policy
- 4.1.1 N/A
- 4.2 Resources and Risk
- 4.2.1 None

4.3 Legal

4.3.1 N/a

4.4 Equality

4.4.1 N/a

4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)

4.5.1 The contents of the attached report, as noted on page 15 of the report, were discussed and agreed with the Chief Executive.

4.6 Other Implications

4.6.1 N/a

5. Background Papers

5.1 N/A

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