



Northampton Borough Council

Audit Committee

2 June 2009

External audit progress report

1 Audit of accounts to 31 March 2009

Progress to date

We have completed our planning work and assessment of the Authority's control environment for the 2008/09 audit. We will present our full Interim Audit Report to the Audit Committee on 22 June.

2 Use of Resources Assessment 2009

Progress to date

We have completed the first stage of our work on the Authority's Use of Resources assessment for 2009. We have reviewed the Authority's self-assessment and held meetings with relevant officers. The next stage in the process is Area Based Challenge where we will meet with other auditors in the region to discuss, compare and challenge preliminary findings in order to ensure consistency in assessments.

We will report fully on our assessment in our Report to Those Charged With Governance in September.