



AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Report Title	External Audit Update
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AGENDA STATUS: PUBLIC

Audit Committee Meeting Date:	21 st March 2011
Policy Document:	No
Directorate:	Finance and Support
Accountable Cabinet Member:	Cllr David Perkins

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update on the progress of external audit plans relating to 2009/10 and 2010/11.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the progress of external audit plans as contained in the Audit Commission's Progress Report of March 2011 (Appendix 1).

3. Issues and Choices

3.1 Report Background

- 3.1.1 The Council's external auditors, the Audit Commission, provide various reports and updates to the Council informing management of overall findings and issues. It is good practice to report these on to the Audit Committee.

3.2 Issues

- 3.2.1 The Audit Commission have recently provided the Council a Progress Report to March 2011 (attached at Appendix 1).
- 3.2.2 The Progress Report summarises the Audit Commission's overall progress on external audit work for Northampton Borough Council. The Council's external auditor will be present to provide a verbal update and to answer any questions arising.

3.3 Choices (Options)

- 3.3.1 To comment on the reports and to question the Council's external auditors on any matters arising.

4. Implications (including financial implications)

4.1 Policy

4.1.1 None.

4.2 Resources and Risk

4.2.1 There are no specific resources and risk implications arising from this report.

4.3 Legal

4.3.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

4.4 Equality

4.4.1 There are no specific equalities implications arising from this report.

4.5 Consultees (Internal and External)

4.5.1 The Chief Executive, the Director of Finance and Support, and the Head of Finance have been given opportunity to comment and feedback on the attached reports.

4.6 How the Proposals deliver Priority Outcomes

4.6.1 Protecting and enhancing the reputation of Northampton Borough Council.

4.7 Other Implications

4.7.1 Not applicable

5. Background Papers

Appendix 1 – Progress Report – March 2011

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