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Summary

A recent internal audit report of Emergency Planning is attached together with a completed management action plan. This item is included in the agenda in response to Members request that internal audit reports are discussed at the Performance Select Committee.

Recommendations

That the Emergency Planning internal audit report and management action plan be noted.

Background Papers

The Internal Audit Plan for 2007/08.

Impact

Communication/Consultation	The report has previously been circulated amongst relevant officers
Community Safety	None identified
Equalities	None identified
Finance	There may be financial implications if Creditor payments are mismanaged and if the Council's VAT liability is incorrectly calculated
Human Rights	None identified
Legal implications	There may be legal implications if the Council's unable to fulfil its Emergency Planning responsibilities
Sustainability	None identified

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Ward-specific impacts	None identified
Workforce/Workplace	None identified

Situation

An internal audit of Emergency Planning has been carried out as part of the 2007/08 internal audit plan. The report contains recommendations to improve internal control and manage risk. The report was issued to relevant managers in accordance with an agreed protocol. A management action plan was included with the attached internal audit report and has been completed.

The Assistant Chief Executive will be present at the meeting to update the Committee on progress towards implementing the recommendations in the report.

Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
The issues highlighted in the report are not acted upon	1 = Little or no Likelihood Action is already being taken towards the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report.	2 = Some impact – action may be necessary There would be varying levels of impact from any non-implementation of the recommendations given the significance of the control risks identified.	Internal audit reports are followed up to ensure compliance. There are escalation procedures in the event of non compliance.