

**Committee:** Performance Select Committee

**Agenda Item**

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**Title:** 2008/09 Annual Audit Letter  
2008/09 Organisational Assessment  
2008/09 Use of Resources Inspection

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Item for information

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## Summary

1. This report covers three items from the Audit Commission:
  - a – Annual Audit Letter
  - b – Organisational Assessment
  - c – Use of Resources Inspection Report
2. The Audit Commission have completed the 2008/09 Use of Resources inspection and Organisational Assessment. Their reports are attached, along with the Annual Audit Letter. The Audit Commission will attend the Committee to present the reports and answer Members' questions.
3. The overall score of "2" has been achieved two years earlier than the stated objective in the 2009 Corporate Plan.
4. Work is underway to address the areas of weakness identified. The Committee will be kept informed of progress. Reports elsewhere on tonight's agenda summarises the latest position on Procurement, Asset Management and Risk Management.
5. The 2009/10 Use of Resources Inspection will take place during February/ March.
6. The Annual Audit Letter confirms that the Audit Commission has issued an unqualified opinion on the 2008/09 accounts.

## Recommendations

7. To note the attached reports of the Audit Commission.

## Background Papers

None.

## Impact

Communication/Consultation	None
Community Safety	None

Equalities	None
Finance	None
Health and Safety	None
Human Rights/Legal Implications	None
Sustainability	None
Ward-specific impacts	None
Workforce/Workplace	None

## Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Weaknesses in the Council's Use of Resources are not addressed	2	3	Targeted action to improve risk management, procurement and asset management in particular.

- 1 = Little or no risk or impact
- 2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.
- 3 = Significant risk or impact – action required
- 4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.