

AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE 28 JUNE 2007

ITEM 6

Report of the Acting Corporate Director -Resources

EXTERNAL AUDIT – AUDIT AND INSPECTION PLAN 2007/8

RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 To note the audit and inspection plan for 2007/8.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Council's external auditors published their audit and inspection plan for 2007/8 in June 2007. The purpose of this is to meet an Audit Commission requirement, to give local authorities some warning of the issues likely to be reviewed in 2007/8 and to allow better coordination with internal audit activity. The external auditors will attend the Committee meeting to present their plans.
- 2.2 The outcome of this work will be reported through to the Committee in 2008.

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Background papers: None

List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications

Appendix 2 – Audit and Inspection Plan 2007/8

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. The proposed total Audit and Inspection fee for 2007/8 is £388,674. This includes £103,750 for the Corporate Inspection. The fee in 2006/7 was £269,053. There is budget provision to cover this.

Legal

2. None directly arising.

Personnel

3. None directly arising.

Equalities impact

4. None directly arising.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. The areas that are to be subject to external audit or inspection are generally relevant to delivery of corporate objectives and priorities.