

Report of the Corporate Director - Resources

EXTERNAL AUDIT – AUDIT AND INSPECTION PLAN 2008/9

RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 To note the audit and inspection plan for 2008/9.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Council's external auditors published their audit and inspection plan for 2008/9 in June 2008. 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 2008/9 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.

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Background papers: List of appendices:	None Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Audit and Inspection Plan 2008/9

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. The proposed total Audit and Inspection fee for 2008/9 is £322,616. The fee in 2006/7 was £388,674, this included £103,750 for the Corporate Inspection. 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.