

**Report to:** Audit, Governance and Improvement Review Committee

**Date:** 20th March 2008

**Subject:** Audit Commission - Annual Audit and Inspection Letter 2006/7

**Report of:** Director of Business Support Services

**Contact officer:** David Smith ext 2232

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**Purpose / summary:** To present the Audit Commission's Annual Audit and Inspection Letter, prior to formal distribution to all Members

**Alternative options considered and reason for selecting the one recommended:** No alternatives

**Recommendation / decision:** To note the Audit Commission's Report

**Key Decision:** This report does not involve a key decision.

**Risks / Implications:** Demonstrates some successes against the risks identified in the Council's Strategic Risk Register and highlights areas where further attention is needed.

Financial:	None directly
Staffing:	None
Policy:	None
Equal Opportunities - Has a Diversity Impact Assessment been conducted?	Not required
Wards affected:	None

**Property Implications – Does the proposal involve a reduction, addition or change to the Council’s asset base or its occupation?**

No

**If yes, have the property implications been agreed with the Corporate Property Officer?**

N/a

**Does this proposal have significant implications for the Council and the local population?**

It provides an overview of ongoing performance in the management and delivery of key services.

**Does this proposal involve a new policy or procedure or significant changes to an existing policy or procedure?**

No

Has the Director of Legal and Property Services confirmed that the recommendations within this report are lawful and comply with the Council’s Constitution?

**Yes \***

Has the Director of Finance and IT confirmed that any expenditure referred to within this report is consistent with the Council’s budget?

**Yes / \***

Are any of the recommendations within this report contrary to the Policy Framework of the Council?

**/ No \***

\* delete which applicable

**For Cabinet reports only :**

Categorisation of the report:	<b>x</b>
Discussion leading to a decision	
Monitoring	
Sharing for corporate understanding	

	<b>x</b>
Discussion	
Decision	
Information	

**Tracking/Process:**

	Consultation	Ward Members	Partners
		Distribute to all Members by 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2008.	
Panel	Overview & Scrutiny	Cabinet	Council

There are no Background Papers to this Report within the meaning of Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Proper Officer Dr. David Smith  
 Date 12th March 2008