

FINAL ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

30 JUNE 2008

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**INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2007-08**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To present the Internal Audit Annual Report 2007-08 to the Final Accounts and Audit Committee, and the audit opinion on internal control within the report.

**Background**

2. The Code of Practice for Internal Audit in Local Government, issued by CIPFA, represents mandatory proper practice for the internal audit of public sector bodies. A key requirement of the Code is that Internal Audit should prepare an annual report to the County Council, in order to present a summary of the work it has undertaken during the course of the year, and to include an opinion on the County Council's internal control environment. This opinion will represent one of the sources of assurance to support the Annual Governance Statement.
3. The Final Accounts and Audit Committee has within its terms of reference the responsibility for receiving the Annual Report of Internal Audit on behalf of the County Council.

**Main Considerations for the Council**

4. The main consideration is to note the content of the Internal Audit Annual Report for 2007-08 (attached as Appendix 1), and in particular the overall audit opinion that internal control is in place and is operating satisfactorily in relation to the various systems and procedures reviewed. There are no significant issues arising from our work, which need to be disclosed in the Annual Governance Statement for 2007-08.

**Environmental Impact of the Proposal**

5. No environmental impact arises from issues raised in this report.

**Financial Implications**

6. There are no additional costs arising from this proposal.

## **Reasons for the Proposal**

7. To present the Internal Audit Annual Report 2007-08 to the Final Accounts and Audit Committee, and the audit opinion on internal control within the report.

## **Proposal**

8. The Final Accounts and Audit Committee is asked to note the content of the Internal Audit Annual Report for 2007-08, and the audit opinion that internal control is in place and is operating satisfactorily in relation to the various systems and procedures reviewed. There are no significant issues arising from the work of Internal Audit which need to be disclosed in the Annual Governance Statement for 2007-08.

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Unpublished documents relied upon in the preparation of this Report:

None