

# REPORT TO THE Final Accounts and Audit Committee

Report No.11

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>26/02/2007</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Audit Committee Self Assessment Checklist</b>
Link to Corporate Priorities	No links to corporate priorities, however links to corporate aims: 2. To ensure high quality, cost effective services. 4. To safeguard and enhance the assets and resources of North Wiltshire and the wider community.
Public Report	Yes

## Summary of Report

To present to the Final Accounts and Audit Committee the Audit Committee Self-Assessment checklist produced by CIPFA and completed by Officers of the Council.

## Officer Recommendations

That the report is noted

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 In November 2006 the CIPFA Better Governance Forum produced a checklist to help Local Authorities align their Audit Committees with Best Practice. The checklist has been completed by Officers and is presented here for Members to note and to invite their comments.

## 2. Options and Options Appraisal

- 2.1 Option 1: To note the checklist.
- 2.2 Option 2: To advise Officers of any comments on the content of the report.

## 3. Background Information

- 3.1 In November 2006 the CIPFA Better Governance Forum produced a checklist to help Local Authorities align their Audit Committees with Best Practice. The checklist has been completed by Officers and is presented here for Members to note and to invite their comments.
- 3.2 The checklist was circulated to the Council's S151 Officer, the Corporate Services Strategic Manager and the Policy and Democratic Services Team for their input. The responses to the consultation were then collated by the Audit Manager.
- 3.3 The issues identified during the process will be used by Officers to develop a training programme for Members of the committee to allow them to fulfil their function effectively and allow Officers to provide appropriate and timely information to Members.
- 3.4 The Committee is asked to note the checklist and if there are any comments or issues they wish to raise to communicate them to Officers to allow them to be reflected in any training or development plans.

### Implications

N/A

### Risk Analysis

N/A

<b>Appendices:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Appendix 1 – Audit Committee Self Assessment Checklist</b></li></ul>
<b>Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>None</b></li></ul>

### Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

<b>Report</b>	<b>Committee &amp; Date</b>	<b>Minute Reference</b>
None		