FINAL ACCOUNTS & AUDIT COMMITTEE

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THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THE MEETING

Dear Councillor 26 February 2009

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the Final Accounts & Audit Committee to be held on **Monday 9 March 2009** starting at 6.00pm, in Committee Rooms A, B & C Monkton Park Offices, Chippenham.

Any papers listed as "to follow", urgent items or supplementary papers will be made available as soon as possible and in any event no later than 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.

Yours sincerely

Carolynn Symes Democratic Services Assistant

Membership:

RL Miles	PJ Hutton	RL Tonge
VH Greenman	SG Parker	
JL Hall	JR Scragg	

To Group Leaders

AGENDA

1. Apologies For Absence

2. Membership of the Final Accounts & Audit Committee

The Democratic Services Officer will report on changes in membership under the provisions of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 and Council Procedure Rule Number 4.

3. Public Question Time/Receipt of Petitions

To receive public questions and/or petitions in accordance with the provision of Council Procedure Rules Numbers 11 and 12.

4. Chairman's Announcements

5. Minutes

To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24 November 2008 (**copy attached**).

6. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of any item contained in this Agenda.

7. Final Quarter Audit Report

The purpose of Report No.7 (**copy attached**) is to update the Final Accounts and Audit Committee on progress against the 2008/2009 Internal Audit Plan.

8. Summary North Wiltshire District Council Audit Report

The purpose of Report No. 8 (**copy attached**) is to consider the level of assurance given on all finalised internal audits undertaken during 2008/2009.

9. Projected Final Outturn Position

The purpose of Report No. 9 (**To follow**) is to set out the Projected Final Outturn Position

10. Accounting Policies

The purpose of Report No.10 (**copy attached**) is to consider the accounting policies for North Wiltshire for 2008/09. The Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice (SORP) for local authorities requires each local authority to adopt accounting policies that set principles for recording financial transactions within the Council's accounts. The SORP requires that polices are set within UK accounting standards but otherwise they may reflect matters appropriate to an authority's circumstances. The policies proposed for North Wiltshire are based upon guidance issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy and take account of local circumstances. It is also a requirement that accounting policies are reviewed each year.

11. Annual Governance Report

The purpose of Report No. 11 (**To Follow**) is to present the 2008-09 Annual Governance Statement to the Final Accounts and Audit Committee