

**KENNET DISTRICT COUNCIL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S GROUP**

Resources Executive Committee 18th March 2008

Report C/04/08 Annual Audit & Inspection Letter

Report by Karen Scott, Corporate Services Manager

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To bring to the attention of the Members the Annual Audit & Inspection Letter issued by the Audit Commission for consideration.

2.0 Financial, Legal, Risk and Staffing Implications

2.1 There are no financial, legal, risk or staffing implications arising out of this report.

3.0 How we are performing

3.1 Attached with this report is a copy of the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter which was issued by the Audit Commission in March 2008.

3.2 The report highlights the findings undertaken by the Audit Commission in relation to improvement (direction of travel), financial management and value for money and use of resources.

3.3 Members will note from the summary the main messages of the report and also the recommended actions to be taken by the council in respect of the audit findings. These actions form part of the recommendations arising out of this report.

Recommendations

IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT ;

1. Members consider the Annual Audit & Inspection Letter.
2. The following actions be adopted and included in the council's Corporate Action & Improvement Plan.
 - a. To continue to monitor service standards to ensure they remain in line with the recently adopted minimum standards.
 - b. To ensure that sound governance arrangements remain in place in the period leading up to the establishment of the proposed new council.

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