
**AUDIT COMMISSION ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT 2011/12 –
RESPONSES**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Roger Hollingworth
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Teresa Kristunas
Wards Affected	All
Ward Councillor Consulted	None specific

1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

- 1.1 To enable Members to consider the S151 Officer responses to the Annual Governance Report as attached at Appendix 1 for 2011/12 from the Audit Commission.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **That the Board considers and notes the responses to the Annual Governance Report 2011/12**
- 2.2 **That the Board requests a quarterly update to ensure that actions are being undertaken and monitored in an effective way.**

3. KEY ISSUES

Financial Implications

- 3.1 None other than those included in this report.

Legal Implications

- 3.2 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2011 require that the Council complies with statutory accounting legislation and changes.

Service / Operational Implications

- 3.3 As part of the process for auditing the final accounts for 2011/12 the Audit Commission review our processes and procedures and make any recommendations that they feel may improve our service and accounting in the future. There are 5 recommendations proposed by the Audit Commission that have been agreed by officers. These are
- Review the shared service plans accounting arrangements in order to simplify the process
 - Improve risk management arrangements and reporting

- Continue to monitor the delivery of the Internal Audit plan
- Review the format of the monitoring of savings as presented to officers and members
- Review the benefits transformation with the aim to bring to a close

3.4 The responses to the recommendations are included at Appendix 1 and will form the basis for future updates to members in relation to the Annual Governance Report. The original Governance report as reported to Cabinet and Council in September 2012 is also attached at Appendix 2 for member's information.

Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications

3.5 None as a direct result of this report.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

4.1 The corporate risk register includes the preparation of the accounts and the controls in place to ensure the accounts are treated in compliance with accounting standards.

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Audit Commission – Annual Governance Report 2011/12 responses

Appendix 2 – Audit Commission – Annual Governance Report 2011/12

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