

**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**AUDIT BOARD**

**15TH MARCH 2010**

**ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER 2008/09**

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor Geoff Denaro
Responsible Head of Service	Head of Financial Services

**1. SUMMARY**

1.1 The Council's Auditor has issued the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter for 2008/09 (Appendix 1).

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 The Board is asked to consider the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter for 2008/09 and, subject to any comments they may wish to make, to accept it.

**3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter for 2008/09 which provides an overall summary of the Audit Commissions assessment of the Council. It draws from information contained within the recent CAA together with any other findings from inspections undertaken since the last letter in 2009.

3.2 The report also includes:

- Audit of the Accounts and Value for Money
- Data Quality
- Business at Risk considerations

3.3 The findings of the report include the recognition that Bromsgrove District Council has made significant progress in improving service delivery and performance management over the last few years and that the formal engagement period process that was in place is no longer necessary.

3.4 In addition the report states that the Council is progressing with shared services, utilises its funds to help provide housing and that Bromsgrove is a safer place to live.

3.5 The qualification of the accounts in 2008/09 is reported and acknowledged that the Council needs to review the accounting treatment of this project in 2009/10.

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**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None

**5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The presentation of the Inspection Letter is a responsibility of the External Auditors under the Audit Commissions Code of Practice

**6. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES**

6.1 Council Objective 02: Improvement.

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

7.1 Addressing the recommendations identified will further support the Councils Use of Resources scoring in ensuring that we have a robust internal control and financial management framework for officers to work within.

**8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 No customer implications.

**9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 No equalities and diversity issues.

**10. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

Procurement Issues: None
Personnel Implications: None
Governance/Performance Management: Effective governance process.
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998: None
Policy: None
Environmental: None

**11. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT**

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Portfolio Holder	Yes
Chief Executive	Yes
Corporate Director (Services)	No
Assistant Chief Executive	No
Head of Service	Yes
Head of Financial Services	Yes
Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services	No
Head of Organisational Development & HR	No
Corporate Procurement Team	No

## **12. APPENDICES**

12.1 Appendix 1 – Annual Audit and Inspection Letter.

## **13. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

13.1 None.

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