

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT BOARD

25th June 2007

ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER

Responsible Portfolio Holder	Councillor Roger Hollingworth
Responsible Head of Service	Chief Executive

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. The Audit Commission and Council's External Auditor (KPMG LLP) has issued the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter. A copy of the report is attached at Appendix A.
- 1.2. Members will note that the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter addresses a number of matters, however the letter is less detailed than usual due to the forthcoming publication of the Council's Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA).
- 1.3. This report was considered by the Cabinet on 13th June 2007.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter.

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- 3.1 Attached at Appendix A is the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter. The letter provides an overall summary of the Audit Commission's assessment of the Council.
- 3.2 The two main actions arising from the report are that the Council should ensure that:
 - 3.2.1 Continued progress is developed in the way the Council uses its resources. In particular there needs to be significant progress in demonstrating value for money; and
 - 3.2.2 Sustained progress is achieved in strategic housing services through the delivery of the improvement plan.
- 3.3 With regard to value for money the Council has approved a value for money strategy and is currently developing a schedule of value for money reviews in order to improve the Council's position with regard to this.

3.4 On the strategic housing service an improvement plan was formulated which is on target for delivery.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None.

6. CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

6.1 In support of the Council's objective of Improvement.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

7.1 None.

8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 None.

9. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Procurement Issues - None
Personnel Implications - None.
Governance/Performance Management - contained In the annual audit letter.
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998
Policy - None.
Environmental - None.
Equalities and Diversity - None.

10. OFFICERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

Chief Executive	Yes
Corporate Director (Services)	Yes
Assistant Chief Executive	Yes

Head of Service	Yes
Head of Financial Services	Yes
Head of Legal & Democratic Services	Yes
Head of Organisational Development & HR	Yes
Corporate Procurement Team	No

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