

**Meeting of the Cabinet – 18th March 2009**

**Joint Report of the Interim Chief Executive and the Director of Finance**

**Annual Audit and Inspection Letter 2008**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter from the external auditors, the Audit Commission (the finalised letter, when received, will be circulated prior to Cabinet).

**Background**

2. The Audit Commission have produced a joint Annual Audit and Inspection Letter.
3. The Letter comments on the Council's Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) score, including the Use of Resources component. It describes areas where it is anticipated that the Council will focus attention. It summarises the conclusions and significant issues arising from the Audit Commission's recent audit and inspections.
4. Representatives of the Audit Commission will be in attendance at this meeting to present the Letter and to discuss its contents with members.
5. The Letter will be published, placed on the Council website, and paper copies made available at a charge of £1.00, as agreed in 2000/01.

**Finance**

6. The report deals with a number of financial affairs of the Council. No additional resources are required as a direct consequence of the Letter.

**Law**

7. Legislation appertaining to Local Authority Audit and Accounts is contained in the Local Government Act 1972, part 2 of the Audit Commission Act, 1998, and regulations made thereunder.

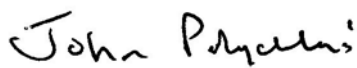
## **Equality Impact**

8. The proposal takes account of the Council's Equality and Diversity policy.

## **Recommendation**

9. It is recommended that the Cabinet:-

- Note the views of the Auditor.
- Comment on matters in the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter.



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## **List of Background Papers**

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