

AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

25th September 2012

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT

Report of the Strategic Director for Resources

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The Auditor's Annual Governance Report to Those Charged with Governance is appended to this report. The report summarises the matters arising from the 2011/12 audit of the Council's Financial Statements and the results of the auditor's work undertaken to assess the Council's arrangements to secure Value for Money in its Use of Resources. The report includes the proposed Auditor's opinion on the financial statements and value for money conclusion, and the written representations required in respect of the statements and the governance arrangements.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Committee notes the contents of the Annual Governance Report

2.2 That the Letter of Representation at Appendix 4 be approved and signed by the S151 Officer

3. OUTSTANDING ITEMS

3.1 As a result of the remaining audit enquiries some amendments have been made to the disclosure notes in addition to the items noted in Appendix 3 of the report. These amendments are set out in the note accompanying the amended Statement of Accounts provided with this report.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

RISK	IMPACT	COMMENTS
Time	High	The report must be received by 30 th September 2012
Viability	Low	No issues arising
Finance	Low	No material issues identified
Profile	Low	No material issues identified
Equality and Diversity	Low	An initial EIA identified no issues

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