

	<p style="text-align: center;">Executive 14 January 2013</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Report from the Deputy Director of Finance</p>
For Information	Wards Affected: ALL
Annual Audit Letter 2011/12	

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report presents the Annual Audit Letter for 2011/12, which was produced by the Audit Commission.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are recommended to note the contents of the Annual Audit Letter.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 At the conclusion of the annual audit the external auditor produces a letter which confirms its opinion on the audit of the financial statements and arrangements to secure value for money.
- 3.2 As this was the final audit undertaken by the Audit Commission the letter is briefer than in previous years. It sets out a positive opinion on the progress the Council has made in:
- Responding to recommendations previously made
 - Producing the financial statements
 - Strengthened its arrangements to deliver value for money.
- 3.3 The Letter, which is appended to this report, has been sent to all Members of the Council.
- 3.4 A more detailed report on the 2011/12 Statement of Accounts was considered by the Audit Committee at its meeting on 27 September 2012.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Audit Letter has directly implications on the financial reporting and management of the Council and on the adequacy of its controls.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None identified.

6. DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None identified.

7. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None identified.

8. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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