

# REPORT FOR: CABINET

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Date:	14 January 2010
Subject:	Annual Audit Letter 2008-09
Key Decision:	No
Responsible Officer:	Myfanwy Barrett, Corporate Director Finance
Portfolio Holder:	Cllr David Ashton, Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategy, Partnership and Finance
Exempt:	No
Decision subject to Call-in:	N/A
Enclosures:	Annual Audit Letter 2008-09

## Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report relates to the Annual Audit Letter 2008-09.

**Recommendations:**

That Cabinet notes the Annual Audit Letter 2008-09.

**Reason: (For recommendation)**

To ensure that Cabinet members are aware of the key external audit findings for 2008-09.

## Section 2 – Report

### **Introductory paragraph**

1. This report relates to the Annual Audit Letter 2008-09.
2. The letter summarises the work carried out by the External Auditor, Deloitte, in relation to the 2008-09 accounts for the Council and the pension fund, and the Use of Resources Assessment.

### **Options considered**

3. The letter is for information – there are no options to consider.

### **Financial Implications**

4. The letter relates to the accounts of the authority and the pension fund, and more detailed reports on both audits have been received. The recommendations of the auditor will be implemented for the 2009-10 accounts.

### **Performance Issues**

5. The use of resources assessment is an important part of the Comprehensive Area Assessment. A detailed action plan has been developed following the Use of Resources assessment carried out in 2009, and the plan is designed to ensure that the score increases from 2 to 3. The next assessment will be carried out early in 2010.

### **Environmental Impact**

6. None

### **Risk Management Implications**

7. Risk management arrangements are assessed as part of the Use of Resources work.

### **Corporate Priorities**

8. The Council's resources support all the corporate priorities.

### Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Name: Myfanwy Barrett  Chief Financial Officer

Date: 18 December 2009

Name: Hugh Peart  Monitoring Officer

Date: 18 December 2009

### Section 4 - Performance Officer Clearance

Name: Tom Whiting  Assistant Chief Executive

Date: 18 December 2009

### Section 5 - Environmental Impact Officer Clearance

Name: John Edwards  Divisional Director  
(Environmental Services)

Date: 21 December 2009

### Section 6 - Contact Details and Background Papers

**Contact: Myfanwy Barrett, 020 8420 9269**

**Background Papers:**

**None**

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Chairman of Overview  
and Scrutiny  
Committee

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