

**AUDIT SERVICES ASSURANCE REPORT 2007/08****Report By: CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR****Wards Affected**

County-wide.

**Purpose**

1. To provide the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee with the Chief Internal Auditor's final audit assurance report for 2007/08.

**Financial Implications**

2. None as a direct result of this report.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT: subject to any comments, the Committee notes the Audit Assurance Report for 2007/08 attached to this report as Appendix 1.**

**Reasons**

3. To comply with good practice as set out in the CIPFA Code of Practice for Internal Audit in Local Government in the United Kingdom.

**Considerations**

4. The Chief Internal Auditor's Audit Assurance Report for 2007/08 is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.
5. The Audit and Corporate Governance Committee regularly reviewed significant internal control issues identified during the year and in the 2006/07 Audit Assurance Report throughout the course of 2007/08.
6. The Audit Assurance Report for 2007/08 informs the draft Annual Governance Statement that appears elsewhere on the Committee's agenda.
7. The Chief Internal Auditor has given a satisfactory opinion on the Council's system of internal control for 2007/08.

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Further information on the subject of this report is available from  
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## **Risk Management**

8. The Chief Internal Auditor provides the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee with regular assurance reports highlighting progress with addressing identified internal control issues as the year progresses.

## **Appendix**

Appendix 1 – Audit Assurance Report 2007/08.

## **Background Papers**

The Chief Internal Auditor's assurance update reports to Audit and Corporate Governance Committee during 2007/08 (six in number).