

MEETING:	STANDARDS COMMITTEE
DATE:	22 OCTOBER 2010
TITLE OF REPORT:	ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT 2009/10

CLASSIFICATION: Open.

Wards Affected

None

Purpose

To introduce the external auditors' Annual Governance Report for 2009/10 which sets out:

- a. Their opinion on the financial statements for 2009/10 approved by the Committee on 29 June 2010.
- b. Their opinion on the Council's arrangements for securing value for money.
- c. Their recommendations for further improvements in the Council's governance arrangements arising from their audit work.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision.

Recommendation(s)

THAT:

- (a) the report be noted.

Alternative Options

- 1 This is an information report and therefore no alternative options are outlined.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 There is an obligation in the Councils Code of Governance that the Council's Director of Resources and the Council's Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic) and Monitoring Officer will make an annual report on the effectiveness of the Code to the Audit and Governance Committee, and to the Standards Committee, respectively.

Key Considerations

- 3 The Audit and Governance Committee considered the Annual Governance Report 2009 at its meeting on 17 September 2010. The Committee agreed the recommendations contained in the report. That Committee's report and recommendations, plus the Annual Governance Report, are attached for noting by the Standards Committee.

Appendices

Report to Audit and Governance Committee meeting of 17 September 2010, including the Annual Governance Report 2009/10.