

**USE OF RESOURCES IMPROVEMENT PLAN****Report By: Director Of Resources****Wards Affected**

County-wide

**Purpose**

To report on the Use of Resources Improvement Plan.

**Considerations**

1. The annual Use of Resources Assessment by the Audit Commission is a full part of the Council's Comprehensive Performance Assessment.
2. The 2005 Use of Resources Assessment gave the Council a score of 3 out of 4 (Note 1 – lowest, 4 – highest), which means the Council is performing well in its use of resources but there is room for improvement.
3. In order to improve on this good performance, a draft improvement plan has been prepared (See Appendix 1 attached). The improvement plan, which includes lead officers and target dates, aims to secure the highest mark of 4 in future assessments.
4. Discussions will take place with the Audit Commission to ensure the improvement plan meets with their approval. The improvement plan is largely, but not entirely, based on the feedback we received from the Audit Commission in respect of the 2005 assessment.
5. Once the improvement plan has been discussed with the Audit Commission, arrangements will be made to get the Corporate Management Board and Senior Management Team signed up to the plan as appropriate.
6. Progress has already been made to date on various elements of the Improvement Plan. A further report on progress will be made to the June meeting of this committee.

**Recommendation****THAT the Audit Committee note the report and the improvement plan.****BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None identified