

Meeting: AUDIT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item:

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USE OF RESOURCES 2008-09

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1 PURPOSE

To advise the Audit Committee of the 2008/09 Use of Resources assessment.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Audit Committee to note the changes to the Use of Resources assessment starting in the 2008/09 financial year.

3 BACKGROUND

The use of resources assessment considers how well organisations are managing and using their resources to deliver value for money and better and sustainable outcomes for local people. The assessment is structured into three themes that focus on the importance of sound and strategic financial management, strategic commissioning and good governance, and the effective management of natural resources, assets and people. There have been some significant changes to the framework for assessing the Council's Use of Resources and the focus of the assessment in 2008/09.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial Implications

To maintain the current Use of Resources score Council officers will need to invest significant time in being able to demonstrate effective outcomes of activities the Council has undertaken to improve services to residents. There may be reputational risks arising from a downward change in score.

4.2 Legal Implications

None identified at this time.

4.3 Policy Implications

None identified at this time.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None

APPENDICES

- Appendix A - Use of Resources Presentation Slides