
AUDIT AND INSPECTION

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Recommendations from the Audit Commission, external auditors, and inspectors are overseen by Internal Audit and their review falls within the discretion of Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This report draws Members' attention to the recommendations of the external auditors, including Best Value and Value for Money reports, the Benefit Fraud Inspectorate and suggested best practice from Audit Commission publications in order that this Committee may monitor them.

3 AUDIT COMMISSION PUBLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Audit Commission has previously circulated publications containing suggested best practice.

The progress made to date in implementing these suggestions is recorded on the monitoring sheet in Appendix 1.

4 EXTERNAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The recommendations of the Council's external auditors, Pannell Kerr Foster, have been included in Appendix 2 in order that this Committee may monitor progress. This section also includes their recommendations from the Value for Money Indicator reports on Recruitment and Training and Environmental Stewardship.

5 BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN – EXTERNAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 Pannell Kerr Foster's recommendations arising from the Council's Best Value Performance Plan for 2001/02 are shown in Appendix 3, together with any progress to date.

6 BENEFIT FRAUD INSPECTORATE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The progress made to date on the BFI recommendations appear in Appendix 4.

7 RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

- (1) That the updated monitoring sheet for the Audit Commission publications be agreed.
- (2) That the monitoring sheet for the external audit recommendations, including the value for money reports, be agreed.
- (3) That the monitoring sheet for the Best Value Performance Plan recommendations be agreed.
- (4) That the monitoring sheet for the BFI recommendations be agreed. (CEX)

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Background Papers: None

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