

**Agenda Item No:**

**Report to:** Audit Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 13 January 2009

**Report Title:** 2008 Use of Resources Assessment

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**Purpose of Report**

To inform Members that it is the intention of our external auditors to give the Committee a presentation about the Council's 2008 Use of Resources Assessment.

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**Recommendation(s)**

- 1. That Members determine their recommendations after hearing the presentation.**

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**Reasons for Recommendations**

It is not possible to be more specific as the information on which to determine recommendations is currently embargoed (see paragraph 2).

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## Background

1. As Members will recall the Council is subject to a Use of Resources Assessment on an annual basis.
2. Whilst the Council was notified of its scores on 8 December 2008, the information is still subject to an embargo and therefore cannot be included in a public document at this time.
3. For comparative purposes, the Council's 2007 scores were:-

Financial Reporting	2
Financial Management	3
Financial Standing	3
Internal Control	2
Value for Money	3
OVERALL SCORE	3

The use of resources judgements are scored on the following scale:-

- 4 - well above minimum requirements - performing strongly
- 3 - consistently above minimum requirements - performing well
- 2 - at only minimum requirements - adequate performance
- 1 - below minimum requirements - inadequate performance

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## Wards Affected

None

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## Area(s) Affected

None

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## Policy Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	Yes
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	No



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**Supporting Documents**

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