

Agenda Item No:

Report to: Audit Committee

Date of Meeting: 28 September 2009

Report Title: Use of Resources Assessment 2009

Report By: Neil Dart
Deputy Chief Executive & Director of Corporate Resources

Purpose of Report

To inform the Committee of the Council's Use of Resources Assessment result.

Recommendation(s)

- 1. The report be noted and the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Corporate Resources be requested to share the results of the Assessment with all Members.**

Reasons for Recommendations

The overall Use of Resources score is 3 - performing well.

Background

1. The Use of Resources Assessment Framework for 2009 is much changed from previous years and is a much tougher test.
2. The Assessment is now based on three themes of:-

Managing Finances
Governing the Business
Managing Resources
3. Within these themes the Key Lines of Enquiry (KLOEs) are different from previous years and the Assessment more outcome focused than the previous regime.
4. The Assessment is undertaken by our External Auditors, PKF Ltd, and Robert Grant will be at your meeting to give a presentation of their findings.
5. Attached, as Appendix A, is a draft of information provisionally supplied by PKF Ltd. As Members will see, of the eight KLOE's we are assessed against, we have scored 3 (performing well) in seven and scored 2 (performing adequately) in the other.
6. Our overall Use of Resources score is 3 - performing well and we should be pleased with that.

Wards Affected

Ashdown, Baird, Braybrooke, Castle, Central St. Leonards, Conquest, Gensing, Hollington, Maze Hill, Old Hastings, Ore, Silverhill, St. Helens, Tressell, West St. Leonards, Wishing Tree

Area(s) Affected

Central Hastings, East Hastings, North St. Leonards, South St. Leonards

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	Yes

Supporting Documents

IAppendix A - Use of Resources Assessment

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Please note:

Use of Resources Assessment 2009, Appendix A - could not be published on the Council's website, due to the complex tables that it contains. If required a copy can be obtained by contacting: Emily Horne, Committee Administrator, Tel: 01424 451719 or by emailing: ehorne@hastings.gov.uk