

**Agenda Item No:**

**Report to:** Audit Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 12 January 2010

**Report Title:** Annual Audit Letter 2008/09

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

---

**Purpose of Report**

To present to the Audit Committee the Annual Audit Letter for 2008/09.

---

**Recommendation(s)**

1. That Members note the contents of the Annual Audit Letter 2008/09.
2. Officers be requested to circulate the letter to all Members of the Council.

---

**Reasons for Recommendations**

1. It is a requirement that Members consider the Annual Audit Letter.

---

## Introduction

1. Attached is the Annual Audit Letter 2008/09 that has been prepared by our External Auditors, PKF.
2. Robert Grant, a partner at PKF, will attend your meeting to present the report.
3. Your officers are very pleased with the report and would wish to acknowledge the excellent work undertaken by PKF in understanding what Hastings Borough Council is achieving and also working towards achieving.

---

## 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	Yes
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	Yes
Risk Management	Yes
Environmental Issues	Yes
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	Yes
Organisational Consequences	Yes

---

## Background Information

Annual Audit Letter 2008/09 - attached

---

## Officer to Contact

Mr N Dart  
ndart@hastings.gov.uk  
01424 451502

Please note:-

Annual Audit Letter 2008/2009 - Appendix A - Could not be published because of the complex tables that it contains.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](mailto:ehorne@hastings.gov.uk)