

Agenda Item No: -

Report to: Audit Committee

Date of Meeting: 19 January 2011

Report Title: Annual Audit Letter 2009/10

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 2009/10.

Recommendation(s)

1. That Members note the contents of the Annual Audit Letter 2009/10.

Reasons for Recommendations

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

Introduction

1. Attached is the Annual Audit Letter 2009/10 that has been prepared by our External Auditors, PKF.
2. The Annual Audit Letter summarises the key issues that the External Audit have completed over the past 12 months. The key findings are that:
 - an unqualified opinion has been given on the Council's accounts for the period ended 31 March 2010
 - the value for money conclusion for the period ended 31 March 2010 is unqualified
 - the Council's 2009/10 expenditure plans were met
3. A senior representative from PKF will attend your meeting to present the report.
4. It is a requirement that all Members be given access to the Annual Audit Letter prior to 31 December and this was achieved by posting it to the Council's website and notifying all Members of a link to it.

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	No
Organisational Consequences	Yes

Background Information

Annual Audit Letter 2009/10 - attached

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