

7 Audit Committee Report

Purpose of report

1. To inform members of the proceedings of the Audit Committee Meeting on 26 June 2009 and inform the Authority of the publication of the Annual Governance Statement.
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Recommendations

The Audit Committee recommends that the Authority notes

- i) The proceedings of the Audit Committee Meeting on 26 June 2009, and*
- ii) The publication of the Annual Governance Statement*

Background

2. The Authority has established a Committee Structure to improve efficiency and develop Members' expertise in particular areas of the Authority's responsibilities and services. Important functions have been delegated to these Committees, as set out in their Terms of Reference.

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3. The Audit Committee has an ongoing monitoring role in respect of External and Internal Audit and Risk Management, as well as statutory functions regarding the Annual Statement of Accounts and the Authority's Governance arrangements. The Meeting on 26 June considered and approved both the Statement of Account 2008/09 and The Authority's Annual Governance Statement. The Committee also noted the External Auditors' Governance Report and received updates regarding Audits and Risk Management.

Supporting Information

Appendix 1: Summary of proceedings at the Audit Committee Meeting on 26 June 2009

Appendix 2: The Annual Governance Statement

Background papers -

- The Statement of Accounts 2008/09
- The External Auditors' Annual Governance Report 2008/09 (Draft)
- Agenda and Reports for Audit Committee Meeting 26 June 2009

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