

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE
17TH MARCH 2008

External Audit & Inspection Letter - Progress report

OPEN	
COMMUNITY STRATEGY THEME	Internal Organisational Theme
CORPORATE PLAN THEME:	Improving Corporacy and Performance
KEY PRIORITY:	Organisational Performance
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor John Holden
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Head of Chief Executive's Office
CONTACT OFFICER:	Peter Jones Ext 2723
APPENDICES	Progress Report

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of progress with addressing recommendations contained in last year's Annual Audit & Inspection Letter.

2. RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is asked to **DECIDE** that:

- 2.1 **Progress with action in response to recommendations in the 2007 Audit & Inspection Letter be noted.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Each year the Audit Commission produces a report on the findings and conclusions arising from their audit and inspection activity over the past year. The Annual Audit & Inspection Letter (AAIL) assesses how well the Council has progressed (in the Direction of Travel statement) and how well it has managed its finances (in the Use of Resources judgement).
- 3.2 The AAIL contains a number of recommendations based upon the Commission's findings and the purpose of this report is to update Members with action taken in response to last year's recommendations. These were included in the March 2007 AAIL which was reported to this Committee on 24 April 2007.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 Progress in addressing the recommendations is summarised in the **Appendix** to this report.

- 4.2 The next (2008) AAIL is due to be completed shortly and is expected to be reported to this Committee in April 2008 by the Commission's Relationship Manager, Liz Cave. Action to be taken in response to any new recommendations will be the subject of a separate report.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct financial or legal implications arising from this report.

6. CONSULTEES

- 6.1 Leader of the Council
6.2 Chief Executive and Head of Financial services