Meeting: Audit Committee

Date: 12 April 2010

Subject: External Audit Progress Report

Report of: Audit Commission

Summary: To receive the External Audit Progress Report

Contact Officer: Cathy O'Carroll, Audit Commission

Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: All

Function of: Audit Committee

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The activities of External Audit are crucial to the governance arrangements of the organisation and as such are supporting all of the priorities of the Council.

Financial:

None directly from this report.

Legal:

Audit Commission Act 1998

Risk Management:

None directly from this report.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None directly from this report.

Equalities/Human Rights:

None directly from this report.

Community Safety:

None directly from this report

Sustainability:

None directly from this report

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Audit Committee note the action plan.

Background

- 1. The information contained within external audit reports should be used by those charged with governance, to help confirm the governance and internal control arrangements in place at the council.
- 2. A member of our External Auditor team will present their report attached at Appendix A, indicating progress made against their audit plan.
- 3. Committee members will have the opportunity to raise questions or discuss any aspects relating to the progress report.

Appendices:

Appendix A 2009/10 External Audit Plan – Position Statement @ March 2010

Background Papers:

None

Location of papers: Priory House, Chicksands, Bedfordshire