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**Meeting:** Audit Committee  
**Date:** 12 April 2010  
**Subject:** Audit Opinion Plan 2009/10  
**Report of:** Audit Commission  
**Summary:** To note the Audit Opinion Plan for 2009/10.

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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:**

The indicative fee set out in the attached report is covered by the budget provision made in 2010/11.

### **Legal:**

Audit Commission Act 1998

### **Risk Management:**

There is a risk that additional work will need to be undertaken by the Audit Commission in 2010/11 which would lead to additional fees. This would have to be agreed in advance by the Director of Customer and Shared Services.

### **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 report.**

**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, the 2009/10 Audit Opinion Plan.
3. Committee members will have the opportunity to raise questions or discuss any aspects relating to the report.

**Appendices:**

Appendix A Audit Opinion Plan 2009/10

**Background Papers:**

None

**Location of papers:** Priory House, Chicksands, Bedfordshire