



Report to: Audit Sub-Committee

Subject: Audit Commission Annual Governance

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1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The Audit Commission are required by professional auditing standards to report to the Audit Committee certain matters before they give their opinion on the financial statements. The section of the attached report covering the financial statements to the year ended 31st March 2006, fulfils this requirement.

2 KEY ISSUES

The Audit Commission's work on the financial statements is now substantially complete and anticipate being able to issue an unqualified opinion soon after 25 September 2006, following consideration of this report by those charged with governance.

There are no adjusted misstatements or material weaknesses to report.

The Audit Commission's work on the Authority's arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources is now complete and anticipate being able to issue an unqualified conclusion on the use of resources soon after 25 September 2006.

3 RECOMMENDATION

Members are recommended to note the attached report.