

REPORT FOR RESOLUTION

SUBJECT: Audit Commission – Small Bodies in England
Annual return for the year ended 31 March 2010

REPORT OF: The Lead Officer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To receive the annual internal audit report, approve the Accounting Statements and Annual Governance Statement for 2009/10

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Joint Committee:

- [i] Receives the annual internal audit report 2009/10.
- [ii] Approves the Accounting Statement for 2009/10.
- [iii] Approves the Annual Governance Statement for 2009/10
- [iv] Approves the internal audit strategy for bus lanes to support this process in 2010/11.

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1.0 Introduction

At its meeting on 29th June 2010, the Joint Committee accepted the Audit Commission's recommendation to appoint BDO LLP for a period of three years i.e. 2009/10 to 2011/12 inclusive to conduct a Limited Assurance Audit with effect from 2009/10

2.0 Audit Commission - Small Bodies in England Annual return for the year ended 31 March 2010

The annual return for 2009/10 is enclosed together with a supporting letter from the Head of Internal Audit at the Lead Authority explaining the background to the audit statement for 2009/10.

For 2010/11, Internal Audit have proposed an internal audit programme of eight days to support the completion of the Annual Return at a cost of £2,600. Further audit work is scheduled for 2010/11 to test the appropriateness of any revised recharge mechanism.

3.0 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Joint Committee:

- [i] Receives the annual internal audit report 2009/10.
- [ii] Approves the Accounting Statement for 2009/10.
- [iii] Approves the Annual Governance Statement for 2009/10
- [iv] Approves the planned audit work for 2010/11 to support the completion of the annual return for 2010/11 and additional work to support the introduction of a revised recharge arrangement.