

REPORT TO: Executive Board

DATE: 29th March 2007

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director – Corporate and Policy

SUBJECT: Annual Audit and Inspection Letter

WARD(S): Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to draw Members' attention to the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter prepared by the Council's Audit Commission Relationship Manager and District Auditor, Julian Farmer. Mr. Farmer and John Vis, the Audit Manager, will attend the meeting and answer any questions that Members may have.
- 1.2 The letter summarises the conclusions and significant issues arising from the Commission's recent audit and inspection work.

2.0 RECOMMENDED that the Executive Board receives and comments upon the Annual Letter.

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 This report provides an overall summary of the Audit Commission's assessment of the Council. It draws on the findings and conclusions from the audit of the Council and inspections that have been undertaken in the last year and from a wider analysis of the Council's performance and its improvement over the last year, as measured through the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) framework.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no policy implications associated with this paper.

5.0 RISK ANALYSIS

- 5.1 There are no direct risks associated with this paper. However, responding to recommendations/proposals from the Council's Auditors plays a key role in the overall risk management arrangements of the Authority.

6.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

There are no equality and diversity issues associated with this paper.

**7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D
OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

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Audit Letter	Ian Leivesley's Office, 6th Floor, Municipal Building,	Ian Leivesley