

9. Use of Resources Action Plan Monitoring

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Purpose of the Report

This report gives an update on the achievements of the Use of Resources action plan.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Audit Committee notes the completed actions and progress within the Use of Resources Action Plan attached at pages 28 – 32.

Background

Monitoring the actions from the Use of Resources action plan is included within the terms of reference of the Audit Committee.

“The Audit Commission annually assesses SSDC in terms of “Use of Resources”. In 2006 SSDC scored an overall “3” and this was translated over the following elements:

Element	Score
Financial Reporting	3
Financial Management	3
Financial Standing	2
Internal Control	2
Value for Money	3
Overall Score	3

The Use of Resources Action Plan

The attached action plan aimed to achieve a stronger “3” by July 07 when the next assessment was due and work towards further level “4” improvements. The Audit Commission have made their assessment and the details are currently being moderated before a final judgement is given. This should be available by the actual committee meeting. However, it also aims to ensure that continuous improvement can be achieved beyond this.

The action plan is now well advanced and revised dates have been agreed for actions that have not yet been completed. However, it also aims to ensure that continuous improvement can be achieved beyond this. There will also be further changes and improvements that will be required for 2008 and these will be added in the next quarter.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications.

Background Papers: *Audit Commission Use of Resources Judgement*