Audit Committee - 22nd May 2008

5. Annual Audit and Inspection Plan

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Purpose of the Report

This report introduces the Annual Audit and Inspection Plan for 2008/09.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Audit Committee note the Annual Audit and Inspection Plan.

Background

The Annual Audit and Inspection Plan is included within the remit of the Audit Committee under its terms of reference as follows:

"To consider the effectiveness of SSDC's risk management arrangements, the control environment and associated anti-fraud and corruption arrangements and seek assurance from management that action has been taken".

"To consider the reports of external audit and inspection agencies and seek assurance from management that action has been taken".

"To review and approve the annual Statement of Accounts, external auditor's opinion and reports to members and monitor management action in response to issues raised".

The Annual Audit and Inspection Plan

The plan is attached to this report at pages 3-28 and covers a range of matters that are included under the remit (as outlined above) of the Audit Committee. The Audit Manager, Terry Bowditch, will attend the Committee to present the plan and answer any questions.

Financial Implications

A budget of £145,710 is allocated in 2008/09 to fund the work of the Audit Commission.

Background Papers: None