

Audit Committee – 22nd January 2009

8. Data Quality Report

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Purpose of Report

This report introduces the Audit Commission's annual Data Quality Review for 2007/08.

Recommendations

That the Audit Committee note:

- (1) the contents of the report; and
- (2) that the action plan has been added to the Council's Strategic Improvement Plan.

Background

The Audit Commission, as part of their overall inspection plan, review the quality of data within South Somerset District Council and this review is incorporated in the Use of Resources Judgement. The review of this report is included within the remit of the Audit Committee under its terms of reference as follows:

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

The Report

The report from the Audit Commission is attached at pages 59 - 70.

The Audit Commission has concluded that the 'Council's arrangements for managing data quality continue to perform well and consistently above minimum requirements' and that it 'has strengthened its arrangements for data quality since last year's review. The Council is therefore well placed to use available data and information to good effect'.

The action plan has been agreed and added to the Council's Strategic Improvement Plan.

Financial Implications

Resource implications for the delivery of the action plan will be contained within existing budgets.

Background Papers: *Audit Commission – Data Quality Review Report*