

Audit Committee – 22nd October 2009

7. Use of Resources

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Purpose of the Report

This report outlines the detailed judgement for the authority's Use of Resources score for 2008/09. The action plan will achieve a stronger Use of Resources judgement by April 2010.

Recommendations

That the Audit Committee:-

- (1) notes the Use of Resources judgement;
- (2) approves the Use of Resources Action Plan attached at Appendix 2 of the Audit Commission's report (attached at pages 19-44).

Background

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

The Use of Resources scores for three of the four themes are as follows:

Theme	Score
Managing Finances	3
Governing the Business	3
Managing Resources	3

A further score is still pending for the fourth theme of "Managing Performance." The methodology and themes have changed for 2008/09 and scoring a three or four has become much more difficult. It is likely that SSDC is within the top few district authorities in the country with the scores it has achieved.

The Use of Resources Action Plan

The attached action plan has been agreed with the Audit Commission and will further strengthen the Council's Use of Resources score for 2009.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications.

Background Papers: *Audit Commission's Use of Resources Judgement*