

Audit Committee – 22nd July 2010

10. Use of Resources

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Purpose of the Report

This report outlines the changes to the Comprehensive Area Assessment regime and the impact on the Use of Resources annual judgement.

Recommendation

That the Audit Committee notes that the Comprehensive Area Assessment and consequently the Use of Resources regime has now ceased.

Background

Monitoring the actions from the Use of Resources action plan is included within the terms of reference of the Audit Committee. However, the government has notified all authorities that the Use of Resources as part of the Comprehensive Area Assessment regime has now ceased.

The Use of Resources Action Plan

There is little point in the Audit Committee continuing to monitor the action plan given that there will be no further assessment in this area other than a Value for Money judgement to be made in future by the Audit Commission. It is however, important that we continue to keep the high standards that SSDC has reached (a 4 in some areas and 3's in all others) but given that the authority will have other priority areas of work it is recommended that monitoring and completion of the action plan now ceases.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications in agreeing the above recommendation.

Background Papers: *Use of Resources Action Plan Monitoring - March 2010*
