Audit Committee - 26th August 2010

6. Markets Audit Action Plan - Update

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Purpose of the Report

This report details work undertaken on the markets action plan.

Recommendation

That members note the actions and progress made in respect of the Markets Audit Action Plan.

Report Detail

Of the 18 actions 16 have been completed and the remaining two are on course to be completed by the end of August 2010. The table indicating progress towards achieving the recommendations of the audit report is attached at pages 5-10.

- 1.1a Service plan completed and attached at pages 11-13. Will be subject to ongoing review with Market Supervisor and Area Development Managers South and West.
- 2.3a A trader survey is being carried out to seek traders' views and ascertain satisfaction levels. Results of the survey will be reported to Area South Committee.
- 3.2b Markets guidelines have been redrafted and are currently with the legal section awaiting approval.
- 4.1b At the last meeting the Market Supervisor was asked to investigate the use of a night safe for banking the Saturday market income. This has been done and a night safe will now be used.

Financial Implications

None arising from this report.

Corporate Priority Implications

Markets contribute to the economic vitality of our towns.

Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)

Markets provide opportunity for local produce to be sold and bought; reducing food miles.

Equality and Diversity Implications

Markets often promote diversity. They enable all sections of the community, especially those on low incomes, to shop and to set up business.

Background Papers: Markets Audit