

7. Summary Statement of Accounts

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Purpose of the Report

To ask members of the Audit Committee to comment on the 2009/10 Summary of Accounts before publication (copy attached at pages 37-40).

Recommendations

To comment on the 2009/10 Summary of Accounts.

Summary Accounts

Under the former Use of Resources judgement the Audit Commission included the production of a Summary Statement of Accounts as one of the Key Lines of Enquiry. A summary was produced in 2004/05 for the first time and we have continued to simplify the summary and increase it's distribution.

The key comments sought are in the following areas:

- Will members of the public understand the summary;
- Are the terms and wording easy to interpret;
- Are the areas of key financial performance outlined;
- General feedback on how it could be made more user friendly.

Financial Implications

The production of the summary of accounts can be financed within existing budgets.

Background Papers: None
