



Report to: Full Council
Date of Meeting: 27 July 2006
Report From: Director of Community Services
Title of the Report: Audit Commission - Housing Inspection Report
Agenda Item Number: **8**

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Full Council of the result of the recent inspection of the Housing Service by the Audit Commission.

2. Consultation

2.1 The following Service areas and stakeholders have been consulted in connection with this report:

1. The Council's Corporate Management Team.

3. Corporate Plan and Priorities

3.1 This report supports the following Corporate Priorities:

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| Priority 1 | Customer Excellence |
| Priority 3 | Meeting the Decent Homes Standard |
| Priority 7 | Maximising Efficiencies |

4. Implications

4.1 Financial

4.1.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

4.2 Legal

4.2.1 The Council is required to receive and share this report with all Councillors.

4.3 Personnel

4.3.1 There are no Personnel implications associated with this report.

4.4 Other Services

4.4.1 There are no “Other Services” implications associated with this report.

4.5 Diversity

4.5.1 There are no diversity implications associated with this report.

4.6 Risk

4.6.1 The Service must respond to the recommendations set out in the body of the report and to all the issues identified in the report. A separate action plan will be prepared for approval by Executive.

4.7 Crime and Disorder

4.7.1 There are no crime and disorder issues associated with this report.

4.8 Other Implications

4.8.1 There are no “other” implications associated with this report.

5. Background, Position Statement and Option Appraisal

5.1 Background

5.1.1 The Housing Inspectorate carried out an inspection of the whole of the Housing Service during May 2006. Only the Careline Service was omitted from the Inspection.

5.2 Position Statement

5.2.1 The Housing Inspectorate has scored the Service as One Star With Uncertain Prospects for Improvement.

5.2.2 The Council must respond to the recommendations contained within the body of the report.

6. Recommendations

6.1 It is recommended that Full Council:

1. Note the content of the report.
2. Request the Director of Community Services to prepare an Action Plan to respond to the issues contained within the report and to present that report to the Executive for approval.

7. Background Papers/Documents Referred To

7.1 There are no background papers in relation to this matter.

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