

City of Durham

At a Meeting of the **AUDIT OVERVIEW COMMITTEE** held in the Town Hall, Durham, on Monday, 23rd June, 2008, at 9.30 a.m.

Present: Councillor Lightley (in the Chair)
and Councillors Jackson, Kellett and Martin.

Also Present: Councillors Cowper, Howarth, Lodge, Marsden, Turnbull, Wilkinson, Wolstenholme and Young

62. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dickie, Simmons, D.Smith and Mrs T. Naples.

63. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 31st March, 2008, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Report of the Director of Financial Services.

64. ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER 2007

The Director of Financial Services circulated a copy of the Audit Commission Report on the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter for 2007.

Resolved: That the report be accepted.

65. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2007/2008

The Director of Financial Services submitted a comprehensive report in relation to the 2007/2008 Statement of Internal Control, with the Head of Internal Audit presenting the report.

Resolved: That the 2007/2008 Statement of Internal Control be recommended to the Council for approval.

66. DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2007/2008

The Audit Overview Committee considered the report of the Director of Financial Services on the Draft Statement of Accounts for 2007/2008, for comments prior to the Statement being considered at the meeting of Council to be held 30th June, 2008.

A copy of the Draft Statement of Accounts 2008/2009 was circulated and an opportunity was afforded to Members to ask further questions and comment on the Accounts. Members discussed the Council's policies on reserves in the light of the risks the Council faces.

Resolved: That the draft Statement of Accounts for 2007/2008, be recommended to the Council for approval.

**67. 2007/2008 ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN OUT-TURN
PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1st APRIL 2008 TO 31st MAY 2008**

The Director of Financial Services submitted a comprehensive report relating to the 2007/2008 Annual Audit out-turn and compared the actual work undertaken by Internal Audit with that planned for the period 1st April, 2008, to 31st May, 2008, with the Head of Internal Audit presenting the report.

Resolved: That the contents of the Progress Report for the 1st April, 2008 to the 31st May, 2008 be noted.

68. AUDIT COMMISSION ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION PLAN 2008/2009

Mr C. Waddle, District Auditor was in attendance to answer Members' questions on the Audit Commission Report – Annual Audit and Inspection Plan 2008/2009.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

69. IN PRIVATE

Resolved: That pursuant to Section 100.A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting during consideration of the item listed in Column 1 below, being a report of the Officer mentioned in Column 2 below on the grounds that if members of the public were present during discussion of this item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information (as defined in Section 100.I) of the description indicated in Column 3 below.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Special Investigations	Director of Financial Services	Information relating to any individual (Para 1)
		Information which is likely to reveal the identify of an individual (Para.2)
		Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding the information) (Para.3)
		Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime (Para.7)

Report of the Director of Financial Services.

70. SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Director of Financial Services and Head of Internal Audit confirmed there was nothing to report on special assignments.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

The Meeting terminated at 10.40 a.m.

Chair