

Item no.

Report to: **District Council of Easington**
Date: **9th February 2006**
Report of: **Head of Financial Management**
Subject: **Audit 2004-2005**
**Audit of Financial Statements – Compliance with Statement
of Auditing Standard (SAS) 610**
Ward: **All**

1. **Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To inform all members about the recent review carried out by the Audit Commission following the audit of the Council's financial statements for 2004-2005.

2. **Consultation**

- 2.1 I have consulted with Principal Financial Management Unit staff, the Director of Finance and Corporate Services and the Audit Scrutiny Committee.

3. **Background**

- 3.1 The Audit Commission are required to report on any matters arising from the audit of the Councils financial statements.

4. **Option Appraisal and Position Statement**

- 4.1 The details of the Audit Commission letter attached in Appendix 1 have been previously considered by the Councils Audit Scrutiny Committee and the findings have been accepted and welcomed by them.
- 4.2 I am pleased to report that there are no matters which the Audit Commission wish to draw to members attention under the potential areas they are required to report on, as set out in the six bullet points in their letter.

5. **Implications**

- 5.1 Policy Implications

None.

- 5.2 Legal Implications

This report satisfies the Statement of Auditing Standard (SAS) 610 as is required by the External Auditor.

- 5.3 Financial Implications

None.

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5.4 Risk Implications

A formal risk assessment has been carried out and risks identified are within the corporate risk appetite.

5.5. Communications

If the report is approved it will be placed on the Council's web site.

5.6 Corporate Implications

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This report accords with the Council's objectives and agreed priorities, in particular it assists the following:-

SFE 3: "To ensure the corporate health of the Council through sound and prudent financial management".

5.6.1 Equality and Diversity

The report has no equality and diversity issues.

5.6.2 E-Government Issues

The report has no e-government issues.

5.6.3 Procurement

The report has no procurement issues.

6. Recommendation

6.1 The Council is requested to note the contents of this report.

Background papers: Letter dated 30th November 2005 from the Audit Commission