

TEESDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
7 April 2008

From: Lead Member for Resources: Councillor G K Robinson

Ward Member: All

Subject: USE OF RESOURCES ASSESSMENT 2007

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 The Audit Commission has completed its assessment of the Councils Use of Resources for 2007 and determined an overall score of 2 – adequate performance. The summary report and action plan are attached at Appendix A.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 It is recommended that

2.1.1 The Audit Commission report on Use of Resources is received.

3.0 LINK TO CORPORATE KEY PRIORITIES/AMBITIONS

3.1 Priority: Improvement Programme

3.2 Ambition: Maximising Resources

3.3 Outcome: The Council has an objective assessment of its performance in respect of use of resources.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The Use of Resources assessment is undertaken annually by the Audit Commission to evaluate how well the Council is managing and using its resources. The third assessment was undertaken in 2007 and reports mainly on performance in 2006/07 although further evidence up to the date of the inspection is taken into account.

5.0 USE OF RESOURCES

5.1 The assessment has resulted in an overall score of 2 for 2007. Although the score was also 2 for 2006, the Council's performance was much stronger in the recent assessment as arrangements had been further improved despite the requirements increasing.

5.2 The Audit Commission report and action plan is attached at Appendix A. Both have been agreed with the Chief Finance Officer.

5.3 A detailed action plan is already in place to achieve level 3 in as many judgements as possible for the next assessment. This will be concluded later in 2008 following the completion of the audit of accounts.

6.0 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications: None

6.2 Risk:

Risk	Category	Implications
The agreed action plan is not implemented	Financial Reputational	The Council will not continue to improve and obtain a level 3 in the next assessment

6.3 Equality and Diversity: None

6.4 Human Resources: None

6.5 Community Safety: None

6.6 Legal Issues: None

Background papers:

1. None

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