CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Audit and Governance Committee

| Date of Meeting: | 31 st January 2012 |
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| Report of: | Director of Finance and Business Services |
| Subject/Title: | Annual Audit Letter |
| Portfolio Holder | Councillor Michael Jones (Resources) |

1.0 Report Summary

- 1.1 The report summarises the Audit Commission findings from the 2010-11 audit.
- 1.2 The report comprises of two elements, the audit of the financial statements and the arrangements to secure value for money.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That Members receive and comment on the Annual Audit Letter for 2010-11.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 The appointed auditors are required to report to those charged with governance.

4.0 Wards Affected

4.1 Not applicable.

5.0 Local Ward Members

5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 Policy Implications including – Carbon Reduction, Health

6.1 None.

7.0 Financial Implications (Authorised by the Director of Finance and Business Services)

- 7.1 As covered in the report.
- 8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)
- 8.1 None.

9.0 Risk Management

9.1 The Annual Audit letter has been prepared to meet the requirements set out in the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 The report summarises the findings from the 2010-11 audit and includes comments on future challenges facing the Council.
- 10.2 The Audit Commission will be attending the meeting to answer any questions raised by members on the Annual Audit Letter.

11.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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