CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Audit and Governance Committee

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

1.0 Report Summary

1.1 The report provides the Audit Committee with an update from the Audit Commission on progress in delivering their responsibilities.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 That Members receive and comment on the update report.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendation

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 The report set out.
- 8.0 Legal Implications (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)
- 8.1 None.

9.0 Risk Management

9.1 There is a risk that the Council will be unaware of key emerging national issues and developments which may be of interest to members if this report is not considered.

10.0 Background and Options

- 10.1 The report provides an update from the Audit Commission on progress in delivering their responsibilities as our external auditors. It includes an update on the externalisation of the Audit Practice.
- 10.2 The report also highlights key emerging national issues and developments which may be of interest to members.
- 10.3 The Audit Commission will be attending the meeting to answer any questions raised by members on this report.

11.0 Access to Information

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

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