

Key Decision Required:	No	In the Forward Plan:	No
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CABINET

26 OCTOBER 2011

REFERENCE FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE

A.1 RECOMMENDATION FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE – REGENERATION AND TOURISM STRATEGIES

(Report prepared by Richard Barrett)

PART 1 – KEY INFORMATION

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To present to Cabinet a recommendation from the Audit Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Audit Committee considered progress against outstanding Audit Commission recommendations at the 22 September 2011 meeting. As a result the Audit Committee resolved to recommend that Cabinet be informed that, in the opinion of the Committee, the Council's Regeneration and Tourism Strategies need to be reviewed to ensure that they reflect the Council's objectives and priorities and that the staffing structure in place is appropriate to deliver the associated actions and activities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet determines what further action it wishes to take in response to the Audit Committee's recommendation.

PART 2 – IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

DELIVERING PRIORITIES

Risk assessment, monitoring and control forms the central tool for managing the strategic risks that may prevent the Council achieving the corporate priorities set out in our Corporate Plan.

FINANCE, OTHER RESOURCES AND RISK

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Although there are no financial implications or risks directly associated with this report, further considerations may be required subject to Cabinet's proposed response to the recommendation of the Audit Committee.

LEGAL

There are no specific legal implications.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Consideration has been given to the implications of the proposed decision in respect of the following and any significant issues are set out below.

Crime and Disorder / Equality and Diversity / Health Inequalities / Area or Ward affected / Consultation/Public Engagement.

There are no other direct implications.

PART 3 – SUPPORTING INFORMATION

BACKGROUND AND CURRENT POSITION

As part of its annual work programme, the Audit Committee considered the progress against outstanding Audit Commission recommendations at its meeting on 22 September 2011 and following a discussion around the recommendations that emerged from the Commission's review of regeneration, it was resolved (minute 21 (b) refers):

- *That the Cabinet be informed that, in the opinion of the Committee, the Council's Regeneration and Tourism Strategies need to be updated to reflect the outcome of the restructuring of the Council.*

The Committee was of the view that the Regeneration and Tourism Strategies should be reviewed to ensure that they reflected the priorities of the Council and that the staffing structure in place was appropriate to deliver associated actions and activities.

BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION

None

APPENDICES

None