

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Chief Executive and Town Clerk

to

Audit Committee

on

16 June 2010

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PKF: Progress Report to Those Charged with Governance

A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To report on progress in delivering the 2008/09 and 2009/10 Annual Audit Plans.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Committee accepts progress made in delivering the Annual Audit Plans for 2008/09 and 2009/10.**

3. Background

- 3.1 A senior representative of PKF (the appointed External Auditor to the Council) will present this report to the Audit Committee and respond to Members' questions.

4. Corporate Implications

- 4.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Critical Priorities

All audit work contributes to the Corporate Aim of being "An Excellent Council" and the Cross Cutting Theme of "Becoming a Higher Performing Organisation".

- 4.2 Financial Implications

None

- 4.3 Legal Implications

The Council is required to have an external audit of its activities that complies with the requirements of the Audit Commission's Code of Audit Practice (the Code). By considering this report, the Committee can satisfy itself that this requirement is being discharged.

4.4 People and Property Implications

None

4.5 Consultation

None

4.6 Equalities Impact Assessment

None

4.7 Risk Assessment

Periodically considering whether the external auditor is delivering the agreed Joint Audit and Inspection Plan helps mitigate the risk that this statutory requirement is not met.

4.8 Value for Money

None

4.9 Community Safety Implications and Environmental Impact

None

5. Background Papers

None

6. Attachment: Progress Report to Those Charged with Governance