

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Chief Executive and Town Clerk

to

Audit Committee

on

22 September 2010

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PKF: Annual Governance Report 2009/10

A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report summarises the results of the work completed to date for the 2009/10 financial year with regard to:

- the opinion on the Statement of Accounts; and
- the conclusion on the adequacy of the Council's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources (the VFM conclusion).

2. Recommendation

2.1 The Committee accepts the external auditors Annual Governance Report 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: PKF Annual Governance Report 2009/10