Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda Item No.

Report of Chief Executive and Town Clerk

to

Audit Committee

on

13 January 2011

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PKF: Data Quality in Performance Indicators

A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present the External Auditor's report Data Quality in Performance Indicators to the Committee.
- 2. Recommendation
- 2.1 The Committee notes the Data Quality in Performance Indicators Report and the findings are fed into the Council's Data Quality Strategy.
- 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.
- 3.2 The findings will help support the refresh of the Council's Data Quality Strategy which will be presented to the March 2011 Audit Committee.

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

None

4.4 People and Property Implications

None

4.5 Consultation

None

4.6 Equalities Impact Assessment

None

4.7 Risk Assessment

Poor performance by the Council in the areas subject to review could result in either a qualified audit opinion or value for money conclusion and may also impact adversely on any corporate assessment.

4.8 Value for Money

None

4.9 Community Safety Implications and Environmental Impact

None

5. Background Papers

- Audit Commission's Code of Audit Practice 2010.
- Audit Commission's Work Programme and Scales of Fees 2010/11
- **6. Attachment:** Data Quality in Performance Indicators Report