



Report of the Head of Scrutiny and Member Development

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: 11th September 2007

Subject: Annual Audit and Inspection Letter June 2007

Electoral Wards Affected:

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 At the June meeting of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee representatives from the Audit Commission, KPMG and council officers introduced the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter 2007.
- 1.2 Each year the Council receives a letter from our Relationship Manager at the Audit Commission and our Appointed Auditor (KPMG). The letter summarises the conclusions and significant issues arising from their audit and inspection programme over the previous year.
- 1.3 The Annual Audit and inspection letter is attached to this report. It covers: council performance; the accounts, data quality; and use of resources. An explanatory cover report is also attached.

2.0 COMMENTS FROM CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

- 2.1 At its meeting Corporate Governance and Audit Committee discussed the relationship between the Committee and Scrutiny Boards in monitoring performance. The Committee resolved to "*request Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the issues raised in the letter, particularly whether there is scope to consider those matters in relation to teenage pregnancy and worklessness*"

3.0 ROLE OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

- 3.1 Overview and Scrutiny Committee has an important role to play in monitoring Council performance, investigating areas of under achievement and recommending

actions for improvement. A discussion on the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter 2007 will provide that opportunity. In attendance at today's meeting will be representatives from KPMG and Council officers.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Members are asked to;

- (i) Consider the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter
- (ii) Consider the resolution made by the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee shown in paragraph 2.1 above
- (iii) Consider whether there are any other areas which require further Scrutiny.