

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO AUDIT COMMITTEE

1.	Meeting:	Audit Committee
2.	Date:	25th April 2012
3.	Title:	Audit Committee Annual Report 2011/12
4.	Directorate:	Resources

5. Summary

This report refers to and contains, at Appendix A, a draft Audit Committee Annual Report 2011/12. The Annual Report shows the Audit Committee has successfully fulfilled its terms of reference and has helped to improve the Council's governance arrangements and its overall control environment.

6. Recommendations

The Audit Committee is asked:

- **To agree the attached annual report for the year 2011/12**
- **To agree the Chair should present the report to the next appropriate Cabinet and Council Meetings**

7. Proposals and Details

The Audit Committee's Terms of Reference and best practice as contained in the CIPFA, IPF document "A Toolkit for Local Authority Audit Committees" require the Audit Committee to complete an annual report.

A copy of a draft Annual Report 2011/12 is attached at **Appendix A**. It shows key information relating to the Committee, its achievements during the year and key targets for 2012/13.

The Audit Committee has previously been commended by the external auditor and the Annual Report shows that it has successfully fulfilled its terms of reference and has improved the Council's governance arrangements and its control environment.

It is proposed that the report is agreed by the Audit Committee and that the Annual Report is presented to the next appropriate Cabinet and Council meetings.

8. Finance

There are no direct financial implications.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The preparation of an Annual Report is in line with best practice.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

Good Governance is wholly related to the achievement of the objectives in the Council's Corporate Plan.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

"A Toolkit for Local Authority Audit Committees", CIPFA, IPF, 2006

Contact Names:

Colin Earl, Director of Internal Audit & Asset Management, x22033

Steve Pearson, Audit Manager, x23293

Appendices:

Appendix A Audit Committee Annual Report 2011/12