PART A AGENDA

ITEM 6

Report to: Audit Committee

Date of 13th January 2010

meeting:

Report of: Head of Strategic Finance

Title: Accounts Audit Plan 2009/2010

1.0 **SUMMARY**

1.1 This report provides the external auditor, Grant Thornton's, Audit Plan for 2009/10. Representatives of Grant Thornton will be in attendance at the Audit Committee to provide any further information.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 To consider and approve the Accounts Audit Plan for 2009/10.

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4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Financial

- 4.1.1 The Head of Strategic Finance comments that provision has been made within the revenue estimates to meet all external audit costs relating to the Accounts Audit Plan for 2009/2010.
- 4.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)
- 4.2.1 The Head of Legal and Property Services comments that there are no direct legal implications arising out of this report.

4.3 **Potential Risks**

4.3.1	Potential Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Overall Score
	That deadlines within the Audit Plan will not be achieved.	2	3	6
	That Internal Audit will not provide Necessary back up to support the External auditor's work.	2	3	6

Background Papers: None

File Reference: None