

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting14th May 2009

1. Title of Item/Report

Audit Commission Annual Audit and Inspection Letter

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report that presented the Audit Commission Annual Audit & Inspection Letter for 2009, (formerly the Management Letter).

It was explained that the Audit Commission was responsible for arranging for the audit of the accounts of the Council (either by private firms or through their own auditors). They were also responsible for undertaking the annual Comprehensive Performance Assessment CPA and from 2009 onwards the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) and other service inspections.

A formal stage in this process was the production of the "Annual Audit & Inspection Letter", formerly, the Management Letter. Members of Cabinet were presented with a copy of the Annual Audit & Inspection Letter for 2008/09.

The Annual Audit Letter provided a comprehensive and independent assessment of the overall "health" of the Council. It reported on the detailed results of all service inspections and assessments and also referenced how the Council worked with key partners. It was noted that, in line with previous practice, a copy of the Annual Audit Letter would be sent to all Members of the Council.

RESOLVED that the contents of the letter be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

The Audit Commission is required to present its findings to the Council's Cabinet Committee.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

N/A

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

By Midnight, Friday, 22nd May 2009

Proper Officer
19 May 2009