

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting20th January 2011

1. Title of Item/Report

Audit Commission Annual Audit & Inspection Letter 2010

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report relating to the Audit Commission's Annual Audit Letter for 2010. Officers from the Audit Commission were in attendance and presented the letter to members.

It was explained that the Commission had issued an unqualified audit opinion on the Council's financial statements for 2009/10. Members noted that the Council was addressing concerns raised about general IT controls and data quality.

Cabinet was informed that the Commission had issued an unqualified value for money conclusion stating that the Council had "adequate" arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources. Adequate was the highest level of approval that the Commission could give in this context.

The Commission considered that "the Council continues to deliver high quality, low cost services and is working hard to improve further despite challenging economic and financial conditions. Local people are involved in financial and service planning and commissioning services and they express high levels of satisfaction with the Council's services.

RESOLVED that the content of the letter be noted.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To inform Cabinet of the Audit Commission's findings.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable

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

Midnight on 28 January 2011

Proper Officer
25 January 2011