

AUDIT PANEL			
Report Title	EXTERNAL AUDITORS' ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER		
Key Decision	NO		Item No. 3
Ward	ALL		
Contributors	AUDIT COMMISSION		
Class	Part 1	Date: 12 MARCH 2009	

Reason for Lateness

The report is late because the Audit Commission's Annual Audit and Inspection letter could not be released until Thursday 5 March because it contains the CPA scorecard which is embargoed until then.

1 Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to bring to the attention of the Audit Panel the attached Annual Audit and Inspection Letter from the Council's external auditors the Audit Commission.

The Annual Audit and Inspection Letter will be presented to the Audit Panel by Jan Hunter and Sally-Anne Eldridge from the Audit Commission. Jan is the Commission's newly appointed Comprehensive Area Assessment Lead.

2 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Audit Panel note the contents of the report.