AUDIT COMMITTEE

24 June 2009

PRESENT:

Finn (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), Cox, Jackson and Wilks.

Mr M. Burns and Mr R Tingle.

Officers in attendance – Nina Dawes, Emma Kavanagh, Jane Kitchen, Bal Nahal, Alison Swift, Helen Sylvester, Anthony Thomas and Rita Wilson.

Also Present – Grant Paterson (Audit Commission)

(**AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE** was received from Councillor Lewin)

36 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest declared.

37 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 May 2009, as printed and previously circulated, were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

38 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS:

Members considered the District Council's Statement of Accounts for the period 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009 in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003.

> **RESOLVED:** That the Audit Committee recommend that Cabinet approve the Summary of Accounts and the Statement of Accounts for 2008/2009.

39 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT:

Members considered the Annual Governance Statement for the 2008/2009 Financial Year.

> **RESOLVED: (1)** That the Audit Committee recommend that the Cabinet approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2008/2009.
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> **(2)** That the Chief Executive be authorised to make minor changes to the Annual Governance Statement if appropriate following consultation with External Auditors.

At this point in the meeting the Director of Finance tabled a letter that will be sent to the Audit Commission.

40 ANNUAL REPORT OF INTERNAL AUDIT 2008/2009:

Consideration was given to a report on the activity and performance of the Internal Audit Section for the 2008/2009 financial year

RESOLVED: That the Annual Report of Internal Audit for 2008/2009 be noted.

41 RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE:

Members were updated on the progress of implementing the Risk Management Strategy and the management of the Corporate Risk Register.

RESOLVED: That the actions being taken to implement the Risk Management Strategy and to manage the Council's most significant risks be noted.

42 ANNUAL REPORT ON EXCEPTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS TO FINANCIAL REGULATIONS:

Members considered a report on the number of Exceptions and Exemptions made to the Chief Financial Officer for the financial year 2008/2009.

RESOLVED: That the Exceptions as set out in Appendix A to the report be noted.

43 WORK PROGRAMME:

Consideration was given to the Work Programme.

RESOLVED: (1) That the September Agenda be adjusted if needed subject to the agreement of the Chairman.

(2) That the Statement of Accounts be the first item on the agenda at next year's June meeting.

(The Meeting closed at 8.15 pm)

CHAIRMAN