

Audit Committee	Agenda Item: 5
Meeting Date	20 June 2011
Report Title	Future of Local Public Audit
Portfolio Holder	Cllr Duncan Dewar-Whalley, Cabinet Member for Finance and Performance
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Recommendations	1. To propose a response to this consultation document.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 To agree a response to the Department for Communities and Local Government consultation document on the Future of Local Public Audit.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Coalition Government announced very shortly after taking office that it would abolish the Audit Commission. Whilst that act was relatively straightforward the issue of what framework for the audit of local authorities would replace it has been unclear.
- 2.2 In March the Government issued a consultative document which poses 50 specific questions which it asks consultees to respond on. The issue was discussed at Audit Committee on 25 May and the Chairman Cllr Hampshire requested that a question by question response be prepared and the draft is attached.

3. Proposal

- 3.1 Informal Cabinet is asked to comment on the response which will be submitted to Audit Committee on 20 June.

4. Alternative Proposals

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5. Consultation Undertaken

- 5.1 The draft response has been considered informally by Cabinet.

6. Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Supports the objective of Becoming a High Performing Council.
Financial, Resource and Property	No application.
Legal and Statutory	No application.
Crime and Disorder	No application
Risk Management and Health and Safety	No application
Equality and Diversity	No application
Sustainability	No application

7. Appendices

7.1 Appendix I: Draft Response.

8. Background Papers

8.1 None