

# **SOUTH THAMES GATEWAY BUILDING CONTROL JOINT COMMITTEE**

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## **SOUTH THAMES GATEWAY BUILDING CONTROL ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER**

Report from: Mick Hayward, S151 officer to the Joint Committee

### **Summary**

The report presents the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter (2008/2009) as submitted by PKF, the appointed auditor to the Joint Committee.

### **1. Budget and Policy Framework**

- 1.1 The Memorandum of Agreement requires that an auditor appointed by the Audit Commission shall audit the accounts of the Partnership.
- 1.2 The June 2009 meeting of the Joint Committee approved the 2008/2009 Statement of Accounts.
- 1.3 The auditor is required to review the Statement of Accounts and report back to the Joint Committee on its findings and, where appropriate, require the Joint Committee to prepare an appropriate response and management action plan.

### **2. Audit and Inspection Letter (Appendix 1)**

- 2.1 There were no issues raised as a result of the audit.
- 2.2 The Joint Committee is now required to submit a letter of representation to the auditor, a draft of which is attached at Appendix 2, before the final audit sign-off can occur.

### **3. Financial Implications and Legal Implications**

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.
- 3.2 **Legal Implications from Swale Borough Council will follow.**

#### **4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 The Joint Committee is asked to note the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter and approve the letter of representation as submitted.

#### **5. Suggested Reasons for Decisions**

- 5.1 The Joint Committee has a key role in monitoring the performance of the Partnership and the annual audit and inspection letter summarises the Audit Commission's assessment of the Partnership.

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#### **Background papers**

Report to STG Building Control Joint Committee – 9 June 2009.