

ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER 2006/07
WDA/40/07

Recommendation

That:

1. Members note the contents of the Annual Audit Letter and Inspection Letter 2006/07.

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Report of the Director of Waste Disposal

1. **Purpose of the Report**

To present to Members the 2006/2007 Annual Audit and Inspection Letter and to report the outcome of the review.

2. **Background**

- 2.1 The District Auditor publishes an Annual Audit and Inspection Letter each year which reports the outcome of their work during the year and makes specific recommendations for the coming year.
- 2.2 The Director has recently received the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter for 2006/07 which is attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.3 The Audit Commission agree an audit plan each year and undertake regular reviews of various aspects of the Authority's activities and organisation.

3. **2006/2007 Annual Audit and Inspection Letter**

- 3.1 The latest Annual Audit and Inspection Letter reports the Authority's position in relation to the following key areas:
 - Accounts
 - Value for Money Conclusion
 - Best Value and Data Quality
- 3.2 The work carried out by the auditor reflects the audit plan agreed by the Authority and is developed using a risk-based approach.

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3.3 The key recommendations made by the auditor are as follows:

- The Authority needs to continue work with Partners to formalise partnership arrangements to achieve the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS)
- The Authority needs to strengthen arrangements between the Authority and Mersey Waste Holdings Ltd for preparing group accounts in 2007/2008.
- The Authority must ensure reserves are maintained at an adequate level to meet the change agenda.

4. **Conclusion**

Members are asked to note the findings of the Audit Commission, as presented at this meeting.

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Background documents open to inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 – Nil.

