### REPORT FOR INFORMATION

**SUBJECT:** AUDIT COMMISSION SMALL BODIES ANNUAL RETURN

FOR YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2012

**REPORT OF:** The Lead Officer on behalf of the Advisory Board

### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To report the findings of the external audit for 2011/12.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Joint Committee:

1. Notes the findings of the external audit for 2011/12 in the enclosed Annual Return (Appendix 1) and Issues Arising Report (Appendix 2).

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# 1. Background

- 1.1 At its meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010, the Joint Committee noted the Audit Commission's recommendation to appoint BDO LLP for a period of three years 2009/10 to 2011/12 inclusive to conduct a Limited Assurance Audit.
- 1.2 The Accounts and Audit Regulation changes for small bodies require the Annual Return to be approved before the end of June. The Joint Committee approved the unaudited return in June 2012.
- 1.3 Enclosed is the complete audited Annual Return (Appendix 1) and Issues Arising Report for 2011/12 (Appendix 2).

## 2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Joint Committee:

i) Notes the findings of the audit in the enclosed Annual Return (Appendix 1) and Issues Arising Report (Appendix 2).

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