
**DATA QUALITY REVIEWS – MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS
AND SPOT CHECKS**

Purpose of Report

1. To present the external audit report on Data Quality.

Information and Analysis

2. Attached is a copy of the report produced by PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC) following an assessment of the Council's management arrangements relating to data quality. The assessment was completed in accordance with the methodology and guidance issued by the Audit Commission.
3. Representatives from PwC will attend the meeting to present the report.
4. The outcome from the assessment is positive. Overall the Council scored a level 3 i.e. performing well – consistently above minimum requirements. The report highlights a number of strengths in the Council's approach and identifies areas for improvement that are to be addressed by officers.

Legal Implications

5. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

6. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.

Recommendation

7. It is recommended that the report and assessment be noted.

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Director of Corporate Services**

Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of the report.

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