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**CPA USE OF RESOURCES – ASSESSMENT RESULTS 2008**

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**Purpose of the Report**

1. To present the external audit report on the CPA Use of Resources assessment for 2008.

**Summary**

2. **Attached** is a copy of the report produced by PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC) following the 2008 Use of Resources assessment. 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 extremely positive. Overall the Council scored the maximum possible, a level 4 i.e. performing strongly – well above minimum requirements.
5. This overall score is an improvement from the level 3 received in 2007 and is impressive given that year on year the scoring requirements become more stringent. Progress has been made at the theme levels of Financial Reporting and Internal Control that are added to Value for Money with a score of 4 and no theme scores have reduced.

**Recommendation**

6. It is recommended that the report and scores be noted.

**Reasons**

7. The recommendation is supported to provide the Audit Committee with evidence to reflect on the Council's governance arrangements.

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**Director of Corporate Services**

**Background Papers**

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S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no specific issues which relate to crime and disorder.
Health and Well Being	There is no specific health and well being impact.
Sustainability	There is no specific sustainability impact.
Diversity	There is no specific diversity impact.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected equally.
Groups Affected	All groups are affected equally.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not affect the budget or policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	There is no specific relevance to the strategy beyond a reflection on the Council's governance arrangements.
Efficiency	There is no specific efficiency impact.