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**ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2009/10**

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**Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor John Williams, Leader**

**Responsible Director - Ada Burns, Chief Executive**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To present the Annual Audit Letter for 2009/10.

**Summary**

2. The Annual Audit Letter (**Appendix**) provides a high level summary of the results from the 2009/10 audit work undertaken by PwC, the Council's external auditors, for the benefit of Members and other interested stakeholders.
3. The Letter is positive and in terms of the adequacy of the Council's arrangements for ensuring economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources PwC issued an unqualified conclusion.
4. The Letter will be presented at the meeting by a representative from PwC.

**Recommendation**

5. It is recommended that the Annual Audit Letter be noted.

**Reasons**

6. The recommendation is supported to enable the Audit Committee to receive the results of the external assessment.

**Paul Wildsmith  
Director of Resources**

**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.
Carbon Impact	There is no specific carbon 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 achievements.
Efficiency	There is no specific efficiency impact.