
ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2008/09

Purpose of the Report

1. To present the Annual Audit Letter for 2008/09.

Summary

2. The Annual Audit Letter (**Appendix**) provides a high level summary of the results from the 2008/09 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 value for money PwC comment that 'in all significant respects, Darlington Borough Council made proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2009'.
4. The Letter will be presented at the meeting by Paul Harrison 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 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 achievements.
Efficiency	There is no specific efficiency impact.