

Warwickshire Police Authority – 16 September 2009

Report of the Audit Committee

**Summary**

This report provides an update for Members on the progress of the Audit Committee following their meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

**Recommendation**

That the Authority endorse the Audit Committee's view that the policy and framework documents remain unchanged.

**1. Police Use of Resources 2008/09**

We are extremely pleased to report that the Audit Committee has announced that the Police Authority has received an overall score of 3. This means that the Authority has been able to retain the score it achieved in 2007/08 which is a significant achievement in the light of the introduction of a more challenging framework used by the Audit Commission.

The theme scores were as follows:-

<u>Theme</u>	<u>Score</u>
Managing Finances	3
Governing the Business	3
Managing Resources	2

The Audit Commission will submit their full report to our next meeting in December but, in the meantime, we have placed on report our congratulations to all officers involved in achieving this excellent result.

**2. Annual Governance Report**

We considered the Annual Governance Report by the Audit Commission for 2008/09. The Audit Commission expect to issue an unqualified opinion on the financial statements by the end of September 2009.

The Audit Commission did identify two particular issues in the financial statements. Both views have been discussed with officers and appropriate action has been taken prior to the Audit Commission issuing its audit opinion.

The Audit Commission also proposes to issue an unqualified conclusion on the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources for the year ending 31 March 2009.

3. **Risk Register 2009/10**

The annual review of the Authority's Risk Register has been carried out at two workshops which were attended by Steering Group and Audit Committee Members. It is proposed that the revised register will be submitted to the Authority's next meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> October for formal approval.

At our June 2009 Risk Workshop, we reviewed the Authority's Policy Statement which sets out the Authority's intention with regard to risk management and summarises the key elements of the process and the Risk Management Framework which is a guide to the process of producing and managing the Risk Register and concluded that no changes were necessary. The Authority are asked to support that view.

**Bob Hicks**  
**Chair of Committee**