

To: Scrutiny and Audit Committee

From: PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

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USE OF RESOURCES ASSESSMENT RESULTS 2009

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To summarise the results of our assessment of Cambridgeshire Police Authority's Use of Resources for 2009.
- 1.2 Our assessment has been undertaken in accordance with the methodology and guidance produced by the Audit Commission for external auditors to follow nationally. Our assessment has also been subject to regional and national quality review by the Commission. This is designed to ensure consistency in Auditors' judgements.

2. Key points about the assessment methodology

- 2.1 The Audit Commission introduced a new assessment methodology for the Use of Resources in 2009 and which is part of the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) framework. The new assessment comprises three themes:

- Managing Finances – including strategic financial management;
- Governing the Business – including commissioning and good governance; and
- Managing Resources – including natural resources, assets and people.

- 2.2 Each of the three themes comprises a number of Key Lines of Enquiry (KLOE) which are assessed using a four point scale as follows:

- 1 = does not meet minimum requirements – performs poorly,
- 2 = meets only minimum requirements – performs adequately,
- 3 = exceeds minimum requirement – performing well,
- 4 = significantly exceeds minimum requirements – performing excellently.

- 2.3 The focus of the new assessment methodology is on whether arrangements are in place to deliver better outcomes for the local people served by the organisation. The results based on using the new methodology cannot be compared directly with those of the previous methodology and the tests under it represent a “raising of the bar”.

3. Key results

- 3.1 The scores for the individual KLOE are combined to produce an overall score for each theme. The scores for each of the themes for 2009 are shown below:

Theme	Score
Managing Finances	2
Governing the Business	2
Managing Resources	2

- 3.2 Our detailed report sets out our comments on the Authority’s performance for each of the themes, together with our suggestions on opportunities for improvement.
- 3.3 Our next Use of Resources assessment will take place in 2010 and will include an assessment of how the Authority manages its use of natural resources for the first time. We will liaise with officers in undertaking our detailed assessment.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Committee is recommended to note our report. We will be pleased to answer any questions that Members wish to ask.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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