

<b>CREATING OPPORTUNITIES AND TACKLING INEQUALITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 8</b>
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## **Report of the Executive Director – Strategic Resources**

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### **CESSATION OF COMPREHENSIVE AREA ASSESSMENT**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to bring to Members' attention to the advice that the Council has received from the Coalition in relation to the end of Comprehensive Area Assessment, as attached in the letter dated 28 May 2010 from the Audit Commission (Appendix 1).

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the report.

#### **3. KEY ISSUES**

- 3.1 In its document published in May 2010, 'The Coalition: Our Programme For Government', the Coalition states that it 'will cut local government inspection and abolish the Comprehensive Area Assessment'. As a result, the Audit Commission has advised that all work on updating the area assessment and organisational assessment will cease with immediate effect.
- 3.2 In accordance with this advice, the Corporate Management Team is considering the most appropriate method of continuing to manage performance reporting and will update Scrutiny in due course.
- 3.3 Further information on the future of local government audit, inspection and assessment will be circulated to Members as it becomes available.

#### **4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

None.

#### **5. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - Letter to Chief Executives from Audit Commission regarding CAA – 28 May 2010

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