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National Performance Framework

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Summary and Recommendation: The report contains details of the new National Performance Framework, including the 198 national indicators.

Audit Committee is asked to note the report.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Local Authorities in England have been monitoring against national statutory performance indicators since 1992. The numbers of indicators and the bodies which have set the indicators have varied over the years. There were increasing numbers which had been separately drawn up and added to local authority burdens.
- 1.2 The Department of Communities and Local Government have recently reviewed the whole collection of PIs and republished them. The detail of how to measure performance against the indicators has been subject to consultation, which is close to being concluded. A substantial number will be measured by survey of residents through the "Place Survey". The new National Indicators come into effect from 1 April 2008 in most cases.
- 1.3 Local authorities will measure their performance against these indicators and it is anticipated that Copeland Borough Council will report progress quarterly to Executive, as at present.
- 1.4 The Local Area Agreement, which is negotiated with central Government on behalf of Cumbrian authorities by the County Council, will contain targets against 35 of these indicators, which are particularly relevant to demands and issues in Cumbria. The latest information on these will be brought to the meeting.

List of Appendices

Appendix A – Single Set of National Indicators

CHECKLIST FOR DEALING WITH KEY ISSUES

Please confirm against the issue if the key issues below have been addressed. This can be by either a short narrative or quoting the paragraph number in the report in which it has been covered.

Impact on Crime and Disorder	for Crime and disorder is included in the suite of National Indicators
Impact on Sustainability	Environmental sustainability is included in
	the suite of National Indicators
Impact on Rural Proofing	Not directly included
Health and Safety Implications	Health and safety in the community is
	included in the suite of National Indicators
Project and Risk Management	Not directly included
Impact on Equality and Diversity Issues	Equality and Diversity is included in the
	suite of National Indicators
Children and Young Persons Implications	Children and Young People's well-being is
	included in the suite of National Indicators
Human Rights Act Implications	Not directly included