

THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THIS DECISION EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON FRIDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2005. THE DECISION CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE.

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AT COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT ON WEDNESDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2005

Present : Mr G S Kendall, Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community Services
Miss K Green, Committee Services

03/05 [AUDIT COMMISSION REPORT ON HOMELESSNESS AND ADVICE SERVICES](#)

The Portfolio Holder gave consideration to the report of the Audit Commission which informed Members of the outcome of the inspection process and proposed improvement plan in response.

Following the Comprehensive Improvement Assessment undertaken in 2002, the result of which was that the service was *fair with promising prospects of improvement*, an improvement plan covering a 5 year period was drawn up until the next inspection was due. However due to the rate of improvement in homelessness services during 2003/4, it had been agreed to invite the Audit Commission to re-inspect earlier than the due date. The report outlined the reasons for this decision.

The result of this inspection had meant the service remained fair, however the prospects for improvement were upgraded to excellent.

The content of the Action Plan was designed to address each of the issues raised in the inspection and reflect a strategic response to the issues.

DECISION TAKEN :

THAT the Audit Commission inspection report be noted and that the proposed action plan in response be endorsed.