

Report to	Standards & Audit Committee
Date	13 September 2012
By	District Auditor, Audit Commission
Title of Report	2011/12 Annual Governance Report
Purpose of Report	Presentation of the 2011/12 Annual Governance Report

Recommendation: the Committee is recommended to

I. consider the Annual Governance Report (AGR) at Appendix 1 to the report and:

- **take note of the adjustments to the financial statements which are set out in appendix 2 of the AGR;**
 - **approve the letter of representation on behalf of the South Downs National Park Authority before the audit opinion and value for money conclusion are given. A draft of the letter of representation is included at appendix 3 of the AGR;**
 - **consider and agree the action plan included at appendix 5 of the AGR**
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I. Introduction and Background

- I.1 The Annual Governance Report summarises the findings of the 2011/12 audit which is now substantially complete. It includes the key messages arising from the audit of the financial statements and the results of work undertaken to assess the Authority's arrangements to secure value for money in the use of its resources.
- I.2 I plan to issue an unqualified opinion on the financial statements.
- I.3 I intend to issue an unqualified conclusion stating the Authority has proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

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Appendix	I. 2011/12 Annual Governance Report
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