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Report to:	Finance and Information Technology Resources Committee
Date of Meeting:	9 November 2010
Report by:	Chief Executive

Subject:	Statutory Performance Indicators – 5 Year Comparison 2005-06 to 2009-10
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Provide an update on the audited Statutory Performance Indicators (SPIs) for the financial year 2009-10 and, where appropriate, show comparisons and explanations for the Finance and Information Technology Resources SPI over the past five years.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that details of the performance information are noted.

3. Background

3.1. The Local Government Act 1992 saw the formal introduction of Statutory Performance Indicators into local authorities. The Accounts Commission for Scotland has a duty to direct authorities to publish information about their performance to enable comparisons to be made between the standards of performance achieved year on year. The performance indicators cover a range of activities carried out by local authorities.

3.2. The information included in this report is based on the Statutory Performance Indicators for the period 2005-06 to 2009-10. It should be noted that the figures have been audited by PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PWC) and submitted to Audit Scotland within the statutory timescales. It is not anticipated that there will be any changes to the results.

3.3. In order to provide the Finance and Information Technology Resources Committee with the necessary level of detail, Resource officers have provided information in terms of explanations regarding any variances year on year.

3.4. For the 2009-10 year, Audit Scotland reduced the number of SPIs from 59 to 25. This review left only one indicator relevant to Finance and Information Technology Resources.

3.5. As in previous years, the full list of South Lanarkshire Council's SPIs for 2009-10 will be published in the Annual Report and Accounts for 2009-10, and will also be available via the Council website.

3.6. This performance information for all Resources has been reported in full to the CMT, Executive Committee and Performance and Review Scrutiny Forum.

4. Detailed Information

4.1. Appendix A shows the Statutory Performance Indicator for Finance and Information Technology Resources for the period 2005-06 to 2009-10.

4.2. Appendix B shows the reported figures for the indicator from 2007-08 to 2009-10 along with narrative on the performance of each of the indicator. Appendix B also identifies whether the indicator has improved, declined or stayed the same in comparison with the 2008-09 results.

4.3. Comparisons included within this report are restricted to a review of year on year for Finance and Information Technology Resources. Additional comparative analysis will be carried out when Audit Scotland publish the 2009-10 SPI results for all Scottish local authorities later this year.

5. Conclusion

5.1. The information included within this report confirms that:

- ◆ The SPI for Finance and Information Technology Resources represents an area where performance has remained relatively steady over the five year period with an improvement from 2008-09 to 2009-10,
- ◆ the improvement measures, as identified in Appendix B to the report, should be reviewed in the context of the SPI Prioritisation exercise being carried out by the Corporate Improvement Unit, and be used as a base for targeting improvement where appropriate.

6. Employee Implications

6.1. None

7. Financial Implications

7.1. None

8. Other Implications

8.1. There are no significant risks to the Council in terms of the recommendations contained within this report. Failure to adequately monitor the Council's statutory performance indicators could result in declining performance in comparison to other Scottish local authorities.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

9.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.

9.2. There is also no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in the report.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Improvement Themes/Objectives

- ◆ Value: Accountable, Effective and Efficient

Previous References

- ◆ Finance and IT Resources Committee 27 October 2009

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Audit Scotland SPI Direction

Contact for Further Information

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APPENDIX A

FINANCE AND IT RESOURCES

Ref	Finance Services	2009/10 S.P.I.	2008/09 S.P.I.	2007/08 S.P.I.	2006/07 S.P.I.	2005/06 S.P.I.
7	Payment of Invoices Percentage of Invoices paid within 30 days	91.6%	89.1%	90.2%	89.1%	91.2%

APPENDIX B

FINANCE AND IT RESOURCES

NB: Previous years Improvement / Decline / No Change in brackets.

Ref	SPI	Improvement / Decline / No Change	2009/10	2008/09	2007/08	Comments
7	<u>Payment of Invoices</u> Percentage of Invoices paid within 30 days	Improve (Decline)	91.6%	89.1%	90.2%	<p><u>Improvement Measure into 2009/10</u> This indicator was highlighted as a declining SPI in 2008/09. The improvement measure identified for this indicator was the formation of a centralised invoice payables team.</p> <p><u>2009/10 Progress on Improvement Measure</u> A centralised payables team was established on a phased basis commencing in May 2009.</p> <p><u>2009/10 Performance</u> The formation of a centralised invoice payables team has contributed to improved performance in this indicator. The percentage of invoices paid within 30 days has increased from 89.1% in 2008/09 to 91.6% in 2009/10.</p>