

**ASSURANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

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**1. SUMMARY**

The Assurance and Improvement Plan (AIP) has been prepared by Argyll and Bute's Local Area Network (LAN), which was formed to take a shared approach to risk assessment. The AIP identifies the current level of risk within the Council according to the findings of the LAN and these findings, in turn, identify what level of external scrutiny is appropriate for the Council. The AIP covers a three year period and will be monitored on an annual basis by the LAN so is subject to change.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 The contents of this report are noted..

**3. DETAILS**

3.1 The AIP was presented to the Council Executive on 12 August 2010. The introduction to the Executive, Shared risk assessment: Assurance and improvement plan 2010 – 13 and National Scrutiny Plan for Local Government 2010/11 is attached.

**4. CONCLUSIONS**

This report is submitted to the Audit Committee for consideration.

**5. IMPLICATIONS**

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| 5.1 | Policy:              | None |
| 5.2 | Financial:           | None |
| 5.3 | Personnel:           | None |
| 5.4 | Legal:               | None |
| 5.5 | Equal Opportunities: | None |

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