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1. Summary

At its meeting on 22 September 2008, the Southwark Alliance Board received a presentation from Jan Hunter, the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) Lead Inspector, on the proposed new inspection framework. The CAA framework was finalised in February 2009, (see Appendix 1).

The basic framework is similar to that proposed in the consultation draft, and will include organisational assessments for the Council, Police, PCT and Fire Service, plus an Area Assessment that will be focused on the borough as a whole. The latter will be the particular concern of the LSP.

The Audit Commission has developed a prototype reporting web site for the CAA, which the Board is invited to consult in advance of the meeting, using the following link. Appendix 2 gives the basic structure for the site.

<http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/caademo/>

At the present meeting, Jan Hunter will introduce the final CAA framework, and initiate a discussion with the Board on the process to be followed over the coming months.

The Board will then be asked to consider the next steps in preparing for the CAA.

2. Recommendations

The Board is asked:

2.1 To note the final CAA framework.

2.2 To consider any issues arising from the framework and the action to be taken locally in preparing for the Area Assessment.

