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ITEM TITLE:	Comprehensive Area Assessment		
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1. Summary

At its 8 July 2009 meeting, the Southwark Alliance Board was due to receive a report on the 2008-09 performance outturn, and a presentation by Jan Hunter, the Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) Lead Inspector, outlining the provisional findings of the Area Assessment.

Following the cancellation of the Board meeting, an *ad hoc* meeting took place later in July between the Lead Inspector and representatives of organisations within the Southwark Alliance, which considered an early draft Area Assessment report. Subsequently, detailed written comments were submitted to the Lead Inspector.

A revised draft Area Assessment is currently being produced, which, it is hoped, will be circulated to Board members prior to the present meeting. At the meeting, the Lead Inspector will give a presentation on the main findings, and the Board will be invited to respond.

The borough currently expects to receive the final draft Area Assessment by 19 October. There will be a short period of approximately ten days in which the borough can respond to its findings or, if it considers necessary, make a formal challenge on its findings to the Audit Commission.

As the next Board meeting is not until 11 November, it is recommended that the Board delegates responsibility for overseeing the production of any response to the final draft Area Assessment to the Chair, in consultation with relevant agencies and thematic partnership chairs,.

The end of year performance report for 2008-09 that would have been considered at the 8 July Board meeting is attached for information.

2. Recommendations

The Board is asked:

- 2.1 To comment upon the CAA Area Assessment and consider any issues arising and any further action to be taken.
- 2.2 To agree that the Chair, in consultation with relevant agencies and thematic partnership chairs, should oversee the production of any response to the final draft Area Assessment.
- 2.3 To note the performance outturn report for 2008-09.

