

Subject: Internal Audit Progress Report **Status:** For publication

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Audit **Date:** 8th November 2006
Task Group

Report of:

**Portfolio
Holder:**

Key Decision: NO/YES (Please highlight)

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency "X" In
Relevant Box

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To present the internal audit progress report for the period 1 April 2006 to 30 September 2006.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

2.1 The matters discussed in this report are linked to and support the following corporate priorities:

3. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

3.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

The Committee's Terms of Reference include the duty to monitor the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal audit service and to review internal audit reports.

4. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 4.1 In the context of fulfilling its responsibility to monitor the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal audit service, the Committee is asked to consider the audit inputs to the Audit Service's assurance over the Authority's key controls.
- 4.2 The report, at Appendix A, provides a brief summary of internal audit activity during the first six months of the 2006/07 financial year.

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

- 5.1 This report has been noted. The Financial Services Section are working with the Internal Audit staff to schedule and progress audit and reports as efficiently as possible.

6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

- 6.1 There are no specific legal implications arising from this Report.

7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

- 7.1 There are no specific comments.

8. CONCLUSION

- 8.1 The audit programme is progressing in line with the plan.

9. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 9.1 The Committee is asked to consider the internal audit progress report for the six months to 30 September 2006.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 10.1 Not applicable.

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No background papers