

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

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Audit **Date:** 25th January 2007
Task Group

Report of: Head of Internal Audit

**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 31st December 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 nine months to December of the 2006/07 financial year.

5. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

- 5.1 Financial matters are dealt with in the body of the report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

- 6.1 No specific comments

7. COMMENTS OF THE HEAD OF HUMAN RESOURCES

- 7.1 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 nine months to 31st December 2006.

10. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 10.1 Not applicable.

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No background papers