

**HMI REPORT 2002 – 03.**

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**1. SUMMARY**

A report was received by the Council from Audit Scotland covering Moving to Mainstream – The Inclusion of Pupils with Special Education Needs in Mainstream Schools. Internal Audit as tasked by the Audit Committee has set out below the current efforts being made by Community Services in responding to the recommendations made in the report.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 The contents of this report are noted and to be followed up by Internal Audit.

**3. DETAILS**

3.1 The Audit Committee on 1 August 2003 was given an overview of the Audit Scotland report, "Moving to mainstream: The inclusion of pupils with special education needs in mainstream schools", which was published 29 May 2003.

3.2 The main report contained 42 recommendations aimed across the board at the Scottish Executive, Scottish Parliament, Local Authorities and their schools and NHS Scotland. Audit Scotland is scheduled to carry out a follow up review in order to evaluate progress by all parties in approximately 2 years time.

3.3 As well as the main report a summary report was issued which contains 11 main recommendations pertinent to local authorities and their schools. These recommendations are therefore key requirements and Appendix 1 is an attempt to list these and show the responses given to Internal Audit by Community Services management. The responses indicate that progress is being achieved on the main issues.

**4. CONCLUSIONS**

Internal Audit will continue to monitor progress by Community Services regarding the issues raised in both the summary and main report.

**5. IMPLICATIONS**

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