

**HMI REPORT 2002 – 2003**

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**1. SUMMARY**

The Accounts Commission issued a report in May 2003 covering Moving to Mainstream – The Inclusion of Pupils with Special Education Needs in Mainstream Schools. A review regarding the progress made by Community Services management in the implementation of key report recommendations has been performed by Internal Audit, the results of which are detailed below.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**3. DETAILS**

3.1 Internal Audit reported to the last audit committee that 2 reports had been produced by Audit Scotland, a main and summary report. The summary report contained 11 main recommendations pertinent to local authorities and their schools. These were extracted and inserted into an action plan for Community Services management to progress implementation.

3.2 Of the original 11 key recommendations set out in the summary report, Internal Audit can report that at the end of April 2004 good progress has been made and only 3 recommendations remain to be implemented. Management have appended their comments and implementation dates with regard to the remaining outstanding recommendations. (See Appendix 1).

3.3 Once all key recommendations from the summary report are implemented, the next step will be to take the main report and draw up a similar action plan in order to ensure that main report recommendations are progressed by Community Services management. A report has also been prepared at the request of the Audit Chairman detailing the progress made to date Moving to Mainstream, see Appendix 2.

**4. CONCLUSIONS**

Internal Audit will continue to monitor progress by Community Services management 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

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