

HMI REPORT 2002 – 2003

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. Internal Audit, the results of which are detailed below, has performed a review regarding the progress made by Community Services management in the implementation of key summary report recommendations.

2. RECOMMENDATION

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 key 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 July 2004 good progress has been made and only one recommendation remains to be implemented. Management have informed Internal Audit that they are working towards the remaining implementation date. (See Appendix 1).

3.3 A meeting was held between the Head of Secondary Education and Internal Audit in July 2004 in order to establish how best to deal with the recommendations contained in the main HMI report of May 2003. It was concluded that Internal Audit would carry out a review of the main HMI report recommendations pertinent to Council's and Schools, prior to the next meeting of the Audit Committee. This would thereby allow the current position to be confirmed and identify any areas from the main report still to be addressed.

4. CONCLUSIONS

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

5. IMPLICATIONS

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| 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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