

HMIe 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”. Two reports were produced, a key summary and main report. Internal Audit has now performed a review regarding the progress made by Community Services Department management in the implementation of both the key and main 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 on the progress made by the Community Services Department management in their implementation of 11 key summary report recommendations. Following a request from the Audit Committee for increased clarity regarding management comment for the remaining recommendation, management has appended a more descriptive comment. (See Appendix 1).

3.2 It was also reported to the last Audit Committee that, Internal Audit would carry out a review of the progress made by management in addressing recommendations from the HMIe main report of May 2003.

3.3 In October 2004, after an initial meeting with the Head of Secondary Education and relevant officers, Internal Audit began a compliance review of evidence collated by the Community Services Department management, in respect of the main report recommendations. An executive summary report and action plan will be available for the next Audit Committee.

4. CONCLUSIONS

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

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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