

AUDIT NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND STRATEGIC AUDIT PLAN

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report introduces the Audit Needs Assessment and Strategic Audit Plan. The Audit Needs Assessment and Strategic Audit Plan have been prepared with KPMG, our internal audit partners.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Audit Needs Assessment and Strategic Audit Plan is approved. In approving this Members should consider whether additional resources be provided or audit scope, timescales and assessment modified.

3. DETAILS

- 3.1 Preparation and approval of an Audit Needs Assessment and Strategic Audit Plan was a requirement identified by Professor Midwinter and PricewaterhouseCoopers in their reviews of Internal Audit.
- 3.2 The Audit Needs Assessment and resulting Strategic Audit Plan and also the Annual Audit Plan for 2002-3003 are attached.
- 3.3 The Audit Needs Assessment lays out the methodology employed in carrying out the assessment. Internal Audit believes that adequate audit coverage and assurance can be provided within existing resources, however members specifically require to consider if additional resources should be provided or audit scope, timescale and assurance modified. Each audit area has been allocated a risk ranking.
- 3.4 The Strategic Audit Plan translates the Audit Needs Assessment into a detailed schedule of assignments. Over the planned period the Strategic Audit Plan will address the Audit Needs Assessment and provide an annual assurance statement on the Council's overall internal audit framework. The number of days for 2002/03 to 2004/05 proposed are shown against each audit area
- 3.5 The Annual Audit Plan lays out the broad scope and objectives for each assignment proposed for 2002-2003. Appendix 5 details the calculation of audit days for 2002-03.

