

**ADAPTING TO THE FUTURE 2003 – 2004.**

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**1. SUMMARY**

The Accounts Commission - Audit Scotland issued a national report towards the end of August 2004 entitled, "Adapting to the future". As there were no implementation dates assigned to the report recommendations, Internal Audit drew up an action plan covering the recommendations and asked the Community Services Department management to prepare a position paper so that, it could be determined where the Council was in terms of compliance with the recommendations outlined in the national 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 Action Plan for this report listed 21 recommendations. As at the 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2005 it can be reported that 5 are complete. (See Appendix 1).

3.2 The remaining 16 recommendations have implementation dates stretching from September to November 2005. Community Services management have reported to Internal Audit that ongoing progress is being made with all of the remaining recommendations. They state that they are confident that as most of those targets dated November 2005, will be addressed by the Project Manager within this timescale as, 'Adapting to the Future' is an integral part of the full joint project.

Management has also stated that actions which refer to a feasibility study are on track as evaluation has already taken place of submissions by consultants and an appointment is imminent.

**4. CONCLUSIONS**

Progress with the implementation of the reports recommendations will continue to be reported by Internal Audit.

**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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