

**RECENT EXTERNAL AUDIT ISSUED REPORTS 2005 – 2006.**

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**1. SUMMARY**

This report contains the Executive Summary and Action Plan for a new report issued by Audit Scotland since the last Audit Committee. Internal Audit has performed a review of the progress made by management in implementing the action points included in Action Plan set out in Appendix 1. The Action Plan will be incorporated into the reporting system for the next Audit Committee.

**2. RECOMMENDATION**

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

**3. DETAILS**

3.1 In March 2006, Audit Scotland issued a report entitled “Computer Services Review”. The audit was a high level review of the arrangements for Information Communications Technology (ICT) services within the Education Department.

3.2 The Action Plan, which accompanies the report, details 11 recommendations for action. Seven of the action points have implementation dates between August and December 2006. Management have reported to Internal Audit that progress is being made with these action points.

3.3 Of the other 4 action points, management have reported that 3 have been completed, 2 prior to the finalisation of the report and the other in April 2006. Action point 11 will not be complete till the end of June 2006 due to an unforeseen delay with the renegotiation of the SLA. The report Executive Summary and Action Plan are provided in Appendix 1.

**4. CONCLUSION**

Implementation of recommendations will continue to be monitored 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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