

**EXTERNAL & INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOLLOW UP 2006 – 2007.**

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**1. SUMMARY**

The Internal Audit Annual Plan requires that follow up reviews be conducted for all audits completed during the prior year. Internal Audit also document the progress made by departmental management in implementing the recommendations made by both External Audit and Internal Audit. The current reporting system was introduced and approved by the Audit Committee in August 2004. Set out below are the results from a review performed by Internal Audit for recommendations due to be implemented by the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**3. DETAILS**

3.1 Appendix 1 is a statistical summary of the 2004/05, 2005/06 and 2006/07 Internal Audit reports issued prior to December 2006. It details the number of recommendations to be implemented by the follow up date, the number implemented and those past their implementation date. The implementation date used for reporting to this Audit Committee is the 31st December 2006. A reference column has been added to provide a link to Appendix 2, where reasons are given by local management as to why recommendations have not been implemented by the agreed date. The same layout has been used for the follow up of External Audit report recommendations.

3.2 Appendix 1 is split into 2 documents 1a & 1b. The first document refers to all reports with recommendations due October to December 2006. The second document lists action points outstanding from the previous Audit Committees. These are points that should have been implemented by the 30th September 2006 for the last Audit Committee. The same layout has been used for the reporting of External Audit report recommendations in Appendices 3 & 4.

3.2 Appendices 2 and 4, detail under each report's title the recommendation that is still to be implemented, the department and Head of Service responsible, and an explanation for the delay, the level of risk, the original and revised implementation date.

3.3 All new external audit reports issued by External Audit to the Council are reported initially separately to the Audit Committee with their executive summary and action plan. Thereafter they are included in the summary list in Appendices 3 & 4 of this report.

**4. CONCLUSIONS**

Implementation of all 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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