

**PROGRESS REPORT on EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS FROM
PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS (PwC) TO THE COUNCIL FOR 2000/2001**

1. SUMMARY

Internal Audit has prepared a list of all external audit management letters where recommendations still remain outstanding. (See Appendix 1). Management progress regarding implementation has been reviewed by Internal Audit the results of which are detailed below.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

3. DETAILS

3.1 As reported by Internal Audit at the last Audit Committee only 1 recommendation remains to be implemented by the IT department from the Second Interim Management Letter 2000/2001. The IT Manager for Infra Structure, Mr Gerry Wilson, stated to Internal Audit that a presentation of 2 reports to the Management Team in May did not take place and has been rescheduled for presentation to the Strategic Management Team on the 8th of July 2003. However the IT Section has now been amalgamated with a part of Finance and the 2 reports may be subject to further review. (See Appendix 2).

3.2 The last review by Internal Audit indicated that there were 2 recommendations yet to be fully implemented from the Audit Management Letter 2000/2001. As at the 30th June 2003, Internal Audit can report that both recommendations have been implemented. (See Appendix 3).

4. CONCLUSIONS

Implementation of recommendations will continue to be monitored by Internal Audit as part of the annual audit plan. Those remaining to be implemented will continue to be reported to the Audit Committee.

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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