

audit and inspection 2003/04/05

## Progress statement as at October 2004 for the audit and inspection programme

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## Bury Metropolitan Borough Council

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**Bury MBC programme 2003/2004: Summary of work ongoing**

Audit and Inspection Activity 2003/2004: Work ongoing 18 October 2004		
Work description	Work due by	Comment on progress
<b>Performance</b> Develop arrangements for measuring improvements in service outcomes.	October 2004	Work programme is underway to link with Bury's own work on outputs.
<b>Scrutiny</b> Follow up previous audit work on health scrutiny arrangements and carry out a diagnostic review of scrutiny arrangements	August 2004	Report agreed and issued August 2004.
<b>Risk management</b> Review implementation of corporate risk management arrangements	August 2004	Report agreed and issued October 2004.
<b>Financial aspects of corporate governance:</b> Testing and review	November 2004	Work completed along with opinion.
<b>Social services finance</b> Review arrangements for managing demand for social services in line with budget provision.	August 2004	Report agreed and issued August 2004.
<b>Final accounts opinion</b> Carry out audit of statement of accounts Prepare SAS 610 report.	November 2004	Audit opinion to be given following SAS 610 report to this Audit Committee.
Review underpinning accounts core processes	November 2004	Work completed along with opinion.

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**Bury MBC programme 2004/2005: Work in progress**

Audit and Inspection Activity 2004/2005: Work in progress 18 October 2004		
Work description	Work due by	Comment on progress
<b>Planning</b> Preparation of audit and inspection programme	September 2004	Plan was delayed until results of corporate assessment were known. Some work has had to progress in the interim with the agreement of officers. Plan now presented to this Audit Committee.
<b>Inspection</b> Environmental services whole service inspection	October 2004	Inspection focused on waste collection management and street scene found services were good and there were promising prospects for improvement.
<b>Best value</b> Best Value Performance indicators (BVPIs)	6 September 2004	Good preparation of BVPIs noted. Some BVPIs were changed by small amounts but no qualifications were necessary.
<b>IT</b> Review IT developments and new financial systems	December 2004	Detailed work underway on IT developments at Bury: -project management -financial system transfer arrangements -E government programme.
<b>CPA improvement reporting</b> Review progress of the improvement agenda at Bury to support the CPA scorecard	CPA scorecard 16 December 2004 and draft improvement report, which is incorporated in Annual Letter in January 2004	Self-assessment prepared by Bury being reviewed and linked with information from: -inspections, -the 2004 corporate assessment -the BVPI comparative position -auditor judgements -other audit work.
<b>User focus</b> A review of your focus on users and how you achieve this	November 2004	The work began with you own self-assessment in September 2004 against a standard questionnaire. Similar work is being undertaken elsewhere and good practice is to be shared.
<b>Treasury management, Prudential Code</b> Review arrangements of both aspects	October 2004	Work supported auditor judgements. Good practices found.

**Bury MBC programme 2004/2005: Work not yet started**

<b>Audit and Inspection Activity 2004/2005: Work not yet started 18 October 2004</b>		
<b>Work description</b>	<b>Work due by</b>	<b>Comment on progress</b>
<b>Performance review</b>	Until March 2005	Ongoing review of improvement programme.
<b>Home to school transport</b>	December 2004 / January 2005	Work to be scoped following choice of work by officers for audit programme.
<b>Transport inspection</b>	March 2005	Provisionally timetabled for March 2005, if priority is still high.
<b>Final accounts 2004/2005</b>	31 October 2005	