

audit and inspection 2003/04/05

Progress statement as at March 2005
for the audit and inspection programme 2004/2005

Bury Metropolitan Borough Council

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Work description	Work due by	Comment on progress
Planning Preparation of audit and inspection programme	September 2004	Plan was delayed until results of corporate assessment were known. Some work progressed in the interim with the agreement of officers. Plan presented to November 2004 Audit Committee.
Inspection 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.
Best value 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.
IT Review IT developments and new financial systems	December 2004	Detailed work undertaken on IT developments at Bury: -project management -financial system transfer arrangements -E government programme. Report drafted and presented to management team. Completed action plan in preparation.
CPA improvement reporting Review progress of the improvement agenda at Bury to support the CPA scorecard	CPA scorecard 16 December 2004. Improvement report, incorporated in Annual Letter January 2005	Annual Audit and Inspection Letter 2004 presented to this Audit Committee meeting.
User focus 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. Draft report for discussion due shortly.
Treasury management, Prudential Code Review arrangements of both aspects	October 2004	Work supported auditor judgements. Good practices found.
Home to school transport	December 2004 / January 2005	Scope agreed and work comparing practices underway.
Performance review	Until October 2005	Ongoing review of improvement programme.
Final accounts 2004/2005	31 October 2005	Preliminary work beginning
Financial aspects of corporate governance	31 October 2005	Ongoing work in progress