



Infrastructure and Government, Government Services

Progress statement as at 18 January 2006 for the external audit programme 2005/2006

Report to Bury MBC Audit Committee

Date 18 January 2006

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External Audit Progress Statement

| Work description | Work due by | Comment on progress |
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| Governance arrangements on new service delivery arrangements | TBC | The review was going to focus on Joint Venture and ALMO arrangements. The Joint Venture governance arrangements are not fully developed and therefore will be reviewed at a later date. The ALMO governance arrangements will be reviewed as part of the review of the housing management function. |
| Medium term financial plan | February 2006 | Report in draft with the Director of Finance and E-Government. |
| Group accounting | 30 September 2006 | We are reviewing progress on an ongoing basis and will deliver our final view as part of the audit of the financial statements. |
| Risk management | May 2006 | Draft terms of reference for this review are with the Director of Finance and E-Government and work is due to commence in March 2006. |
| E-Government | Ongoing | Ongoing review of the process is taking place for reporting in the Annual Audit Letter. |
| Annual efficiency savings | Ongoing | Ongoing review of the savings process and specific savings is taking place. |
| Financial statements | 30 September 2006 | Work on reviewing financial systems has started, the actual financial statements are due to be approved by the Council by 30 June 2006 and require an opinion by 30 September 2006. |
| Statement on internal control | 30 September 2006 | We are reviewing progress on an ongoing basis and will deliver our final view as part of the audit of financial statements. |
| Social Services financial position | February 2006 | We are now in the process of drafting our final report. |
| Use of resources Judgement | October 2005 | Completed. |

External Audit Progress Statement (continued)

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| Housing management function | TBC | This will also consider the ALMO governance arrangements. |
| Review of Internal Audit | March 2006 | We have started this review, which includes discussions with Internal Audit staff and review of Internal Audit documentation. |
| Best value performance plan and Best value performance indicators | 31 December 2005 and 6 September 2005 | Completed. |