



Infrastructure and Government, Government Services

**Progress statement as at 15 June 2006 for the
external audit programme 2005/2006**

Report to Bury MBC Audit Committee

Date 15 June 2006

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External Audit Progress Statement

Work description	Work due by	Comment on progress
Governance arrangements on new service delivery arrangements	TBC	<p>This review is focusing on Joint Venture and ALMO arrangements. The Joint Venture governance arrangements are developing inline with the progress of the overall scheme and therefore we are maintaining a watching brief on this area and once governance arrangements are formalised we will complete our detailed review.</p> <p>The ALMO governance arrangements will be reviewed as part of the review of the housing management function.</p>
Medium term financial plan	-	Completed.
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	-	Completed.
E-Government	Ongoing	Work is in the process of being completed by our Information and Risk Management Department.
Annual efficiency savings	Ongoing	Ongoing review of the savings process and specific savings is taking place.
Financial statements	30 September 2006	The actual financial statements are due to be approved by the Council by 30 June 2006 and require an opinion by 30 September 2006. We have completed our interim audit of financial systems in preparation for our work on the specific financial statements
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.

External Audit Progress Statement (continued)

Work description (continued)	Work due by	Comment on progress
Social Services financial position	February 2006	A draft report was presented and now further work is taking place to update this report.
Use of Resources	-	Completed.
Housing management function	TBC	This will also consider the ALMO governance arrangements.
Review of Internal Audit	-	Completed.
Best value performance plan and Best value performance indicators	-	Completed.