



I&G Public Sector

Progress statement as at 07 September 2006 for the external audit programme 2005/2006

Report to Bury MBC Audit Committee

Date 07 September 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 review.</p> <p>A separate piece of work has been commissioned by the Council to review the AskBury Partnership agreement, this is to replace the Housing Management Review, which is referred to later.</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	Completed.
Annual efficiency savings	Ongoing	Our Use of Resource Judgement work considered this as part of the Value for Money judgement.
Financial statements	30 September 2006	Ongoing.
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)

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Review of Social Services budget position	-	Completed.
Use of Resources Judgement	-	Completed.
Housing management function	-	Replaced by the work on the AskBury Partnership Agreement review, as detailed above.
Review of Internal Audit	-	Completed.
Best value performance plan and Best value performance indicators	-	Completed.