



I&G Public Sector

## Progress statement as at 07 September 2006 for the external audit programme 2006/2007

Report to Bury MBC Audit Committee

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# External Audit Progress Statement

Work description	Work due by	Comment on progress
Financial Management including budget setting	Autumn 2006	The review has been structured to provide proactive comments on proposed changes in the developmental phase of changes, where possible. To date draft feedback has been issued in relation to asset management arrangements.  The next phase of our work is looking at financial/performance monitoring arrangements and budget setting.
Risk Management	Autumn 2006	This review has been structured to provide proactive comments on proposed changes in the developmental phase of changes, where possible. To date feedback has been provided on the risk management identification, documentation and review arrangements.
New Financial systems	TBC	The scope and timing of the work has to be formally agreed with the appropriate officers.
Group accounting	30 September 2007	This is to be completed as part of our 2006/2007 accounts audit.
Joint Venture	Ongoing	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.
Annual efficiency savings	Ongoing	This is being considered as part of our Use of Resources Judgement.

# External Audit Progress Statement (continued)

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Financial Statements	30 September 2007	Our planning and interim audit work to review the systems that underpin the financial statements will begin in January 2007. This work will be informed by our 2005/2006 financial statements audit.
Use of Resources Judgement	10 November 2006	Work has started to review Key Lines of Enquiry to make judgements in the following areas: -Financial Reporting; -Financial Management; -Financial Standing; -Internal Control; and -Value For Money.
CPA Specified Indicators	9 October 2006	Work is progressing to form an opinion on CPA specified indicators.
Statement of Internal Control	30 September 2007	This is to be completed as part of our 2006/2007 accounts audit.
Best Value Performance Plan	31 December 2006	Work is ongoing to review the content of the Best Value Performance Plan.