



I&G Public Sector

**Progress statement as at 04 April 2007 for the
external audit programme 2006/2007**

Report to Bury MBC Audit Committee

Date 04 April 2007

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External Audit Progress Statement

Work description	Work due by	Comment on progress
Financial Management including budget setting	Ongoing – Reporting stage	This review was structured to provide proactive comments on proposed changes in the developmental phase of changes to financial management arrangements. A summary report is now being prepared to highlight the key issues identified and the Council's response.
Risk Management	Ongoing - Reporting stage	This review was structured to provide proactive comments on proposed changes in the developmental phase of changes to risk management arrangements. A summary report is now being prepared to highlight the key issues identified and the Council's response.
New Financial systems	May 2007	Work is due to begin during April.
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.

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 began in January 2007 and will continue into May 2007.
Use of Resources Judgement	Completed.	Completed. Detailed feedback has been provided to officers and a summary was included in the Annual External Audit Report.
CPA Specified Indicators	Completed.	Completed. Feedback was provided in the Annual External Audit Report. A more detailed analysis of the amendments to indicators was included in the papers for the Audit Committee on 20 February 2007.
Statement of Internal Control	30 September 2007	This is to be completed as part of our 2006/2007 accounts audit.
Best Value Performance Plan	Completed.	Completed. A report was issued in December 2006 to officers and copy of that report was included in the papers for the Audit Committee on 20 February 2007.