



I&G Public Sector

# Progress statement as at September 2007 for the external audit programme 2007/2008

Report to Bury MBC Audit Committee

Date: September 2007

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# External Audit Progress Statement

Work description	Work due by	Comment on progress
Service Prioritisation Review	December 2007	Terms of reference have been agreed and work has started on this review. The key areas of work are around the operation of the Priority Investment Reserve and how resources have been realigned within services.
Alternative Service Provision - Corporate and Transactional Services	Ongoing	We are reviewing progress on an ongoing basis and will comment on the Council's arrangements to ensure resources are being used appropriately around securing the planned benefits of possible alternative service provision.
Local Area Agreement Review	December 2007	Terms of reference have been agreed and work has started on this review. The key areas of work are around the governance and financial areas of the agreement.
Capital Projects	January 2008	Terms of reference are being drafted and will be finalised in October 2007.
Social Needs Transport Review	December 2007	Terms of reference have been agreed and work has started on this review. The key areas of work are: accessibility of the service; funding and financing arrangements; procurement; and performance management.

# External Audit Progress Statement (continued)

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Financial Statements	30 September 2008.	Our planning and interim audit work to review the systems that underpin the financial statements will begin in January 2008 and continue into May 2008. Our Final Accounts audit work will begin in July 2008.
Use of Resources Judgement	To be confirmed by the Audit Commission.	Our Use of Resources Assessment will cover the financial year 2007/08.
CPA Specified Indicators	To be confirmed by the Audit Commission	This work is specified by the Audit Commission and usually commences towards the end of the financial year. We expect work to begin in February/March 2008.
Statement of Internal Control	30 September 2008.	This is to be completed as part of our 2007/2008 Financial Statements audit.
Best Value Performance Plan	31 December 2007	Work is ongoing to review the Council's Best Value Performance Plan.