



Infrastructure, Government and Healthcare

Bury Metropolitan Borough Council 2006/07 Key issues briefing

Audit Committee

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Key messages from the 2006/2007 audit

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Accounts and statement on internal control

- 1 ISA260 presented to members on 19 September 2007
- 1 No unadjusted material errors or amendments
- 1 Unqualified opinion given on 28 September 2007 in line with deadline
- 1 WGA opinion given on 1 October 2007 in line with deadline
- 1 Audit certificate expected in February 2008

Use of resources judgement

The Use of Resources assessment is based around five Key Lines of Enquiry (KLOEs):

- Financial Management
- Financial Standing
- Financial Reporting
- Internal Control
- Value for Money

Overall score achieved — three (performing well)

	2007	2006	2005
Financial reporting	3	3	1
Financial management	3	3	2
Financial standing	3	2	2
Internal control	3	2	2
Value for money	3	3	3
OVERALL SCORE	3	3	2

Use of resources judgement (continued)

Key messages:

- 1 Significant progress in year
- 1 Movement upwards in 7/11 KLOEs
- 1 One individual KLOE achieved the maximum score of four (performing strongly)
- 1 Overall improvement is unmatched by any other Greater Manchester Authority in 2007
- 1 Commitment and prioritisation given by the whole Authority to this measurement process

Use of resources - reviews

- 1 Reviews of financial and risk management undertaken
- 1 Continuous feedback with summary report to members in June 2007
- 1 Proactive feedback on:
 - monitoring and embedding risk management arrangements;
 - introducing risk management techniques in financial monitoring;
 - changes to financial monitoring reports; and
 - asset management planning and monitoring arrangements.

VFM conclusion

- 1 Conclusion based on whether the Authority meets 12 criteria specified by the Audit Commission
- 1 Conclusion unqualified where all criteria met and qualified where areas do not meet minimum standards expected
- 1 Unqualified conclusion issued on 28 September 2007

Data quality

- 1 Data quality review performed following Audit Guides specified by the Audit Commission
- 1 Three phases of work:
 - Stage 1: Review of management arrangements
 - Stage 2: Comparison with other authorities
 - Stage 3: Data testing
- 1 Overall assessment:
 - Stage 1: Performing well
 - Stage 2: PI values within expected ranges or substantiated
 - Stage 3: PIs fairly stated

BVPP

- 1 We are required to audit the Authority's Best Value Performance Plan to ensure contents comply with statutory requirements
- 1 Unqualified opinion issued for 2006/07 plan on 19 December 2006