



IGH Public Sector

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

Report to Bury MBC Audit Committee

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External Audit Progress Statement

Work description	Work due by	Comment on progress
Service Prioritisation Review	January 2008	The key areas of work are around the operation of the Priority Investment Reserve and how resources have been realigned within services. We are currently awaiting further documentation from officers to enable us to complete the draft report.
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	Work is now complete on this review. The report is to be presented at this Audit Committee.
Capital Projects	March 2008	Some work has been undertaken as part of the Use of Resources scored judgements. We will continue to review Committee papers and will raise issues with officers as they arise.
Social Needs Transport Review	December 2007	A report has been drafted for the first stage of this review. This was presented to officers in December 2007. We are currently awaiting comments from the relevant officers. The report will be presented to the next Audit Committee.

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 began in January 2008 and will 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. Work will commence from April 2008. The timescales for completion of work have not yet been finalised by the Audit Commission.
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.
Assurance Framework	30 September 2008.	This is to be completed as part of our 2007/2008 Financial Statements audit.
Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP)	31 December 2007	An unqualified opinion has been issued on the Council's BVPP.