



IGH Public Sector

**Progress statement 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 work is now complete. The report is to be presented at the June Audit Committee.
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	The work is now complete. The report was presented at the February 2008 Audit Committee.
Capital Projects	Ongoing	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	The work is now complete. The report is to be presented at the June Audit Committee.

## External Audit Progress Statement (continued)

Work description (continued)	Work due by	Comment on progress
Financial Statements	September 2008.	Our planning and interim audit work to review the systems that underpin the financial statements is now complete and audit of the financial statements work will begin in July 2008.
Use of Resources Judgement	Our work - October 2008. Audit Commission i-8 December 2008	Work commenced during our interim audit and will continue into October 2008, at which point we will report our findings to the Audit Commission. The Audit Commission will notify the Council of their score on the 8 <sup>th</sup> of December 2008.
Data Quality and CPA Specified Indicators	October 2008	Our data quality work has commenced and this will inform the CPA specified indicators work which will be taking place in July to September 2008.
Assurance Framework	September 2008.	This is to be completed as part of our 2007/2008 Financial Statements audit.
Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP)	December 2007	An unqualified opinion has been issued on the Council's BVPP.