



IGH Public Sector

Progress statement for the external audit programme 2008/2009

Report to Bury MBC Audit Committee

Date: December 2008

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External Audit Progress Statement

Work description	Work due by	Comment on progress
Capital Programme Management	December 2008	This work has now commenced on reviewing the Council's arrangements for managing the capital programme. Feedback will be provided to officers in December, with formal reporting taking place in January 2009.
Capital Projects	Ongoing	This work is continuing from 2007/08. We are monitoring progress on the capital projects and providing feedback when required.
Small Scale Voluntary Transfer – Business Case review	To be confirmed	Arrangements for this work are to be confirmed.
Review of commissioning arrangements for Team Bury	To be confirmed	Work is due to commence on this early in 2009.
Workforce planning	To be confirmed	Work is due to commence on this early in 2009.
Freedom of Information	March 2009	Terms of reference are currently being drafted and will be discussed with officers in early in 2009.

External Audit Progress Statement (continued)

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Financial Statements	September 2009.	Our planning and interim audit work to review the systems that underpin the financial statements will begin in January 2009 and continue into May 2009. Our Final Accounts audit work will begin in July 2009.
Use of Resources Judgement	To be confirmed by the Audit Commission	Our use of resources work will cover the 2008/09 financial year. This work will be completed under the new use of resources assessment under the Corporate Area Assessment (CAA) framework. It is anticipated that this work will be completed alongside the financial statements audit.
Data Quality and 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 2009.
Assurance Framework	September 2008.	This is completed as part of our financial statements audit.