



IGH Public Sector

**Progress statement for the external audit programme
2008/2009**

Report to Bury MBC Audit Committee

Date: February 2009

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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. Delays have been encountered in completing meetings due to staff absence. Initial feedback has been provided to officers. We expect to report back to the next Audit Committee.
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 as and when further developments take place with the Voluntary Transfer.
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 towards the end of February 2009, then work will commence.

External Audit Progress Statement (continued)

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Financial Statements	September 2009.	Our planning took place in January 2009 and our interim audit work to review the systems that underpin the financial statements will begin in April 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. The work will be reported alongside our financial statement audit.
Data Quality and Performance 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 March/April 2009.
Assurance Framework	September 2008.	This is completed as part of our financial statements audit.