

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT**  
**EXECUTIVE – 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2004**  
**REPORT FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**2002/2003 AUDIT LETTER FROM PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS**

FP REF: BFS-03/04-66

**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report accompanies the Audit Letter, in respect of the 2002/2003 Audit, issued by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) in its role of external auditor to Brent Council.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Members are recommended to note its contents.
- 2.2 Members are recommended to instruct the Chief Executive to ensure that the Letter is made widely available throughout the organisation, and that realistic plans and timetables are presented to the Executive to meet the recommendations.

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The Audit Letter is intrinsically linked to the financial performance and management of the Council.

**4. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Several of the External Auditor's key issues have specific and obvious implications for individual staff and Members. However, the Letter addresses the overall good health of the Authority and is therefore of great significance to all managers.

**5. DETAIL**

- 5.1 PwC's document constitutes the detail. However a report will be brought to a future meeting of this committee after it has been fully considered by the organisation which will provide detailed proposals and options to address the main recommendations and themes in the report.
- 5.2 The Letter will be sent to all Members of the Council and be made available to residents in each Library and on the internet.

**6. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

All the background information is contained in the Audit Letter appended to this report.

**GARETH DANIEL**  
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