

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

Performance & Finance Select Committee- 16th July 2003

Report from the Director of Finance

FOR INFORMATION/ACTION

ALL WARDS

INTERNAL & EXTERNAL AUDIT PLANS FOR 2003/04

1. Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Performance & Finance Select Committee of the proposed internal and external audit plans for 2003/04.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Performance & Finance Select Committee note the content of the report in its role as defined in the constitution: "To review and monitor the operation and effectiveness of risk management, internal control and internal and external audit" and in its role: "To monitor the Council's progress in implementing its Annual Audit Plan".

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1. None

4. Staffing Implications

- 4.1. None

5. Detail

- 5.1. The provision of the audit function for the authority is currently undertaken across three providers.
- 5.2. For internal audit these are:
- Audit and Investigations Team which currently undertakes audits of the Authority's service units, schools and operational systems and deals with probity and anti-fraud functions.
 - Deloitte Touche who provide support to the Audit and Investigations Team to audit the main corporate financial and IT systems.
- 5.3. For external audit:
- PricewaterhouseCoopers

- 5.4. For 2003 / 2004 internal and external audit will again be working within a joint audit approach. This approach sets out the respective roles of internal and external audit and is designed to maximise resources and minimise disruption to service areas. Appendix 1 contains the Joint Audit Statement which details how the joint arrangements will work.
- 5.5. The CIPFA code of practice on internal audit in Local Government¹, which has been adopted by the Audit and Investigations team, requires the proper planning of audit work. As part of this planning an annual audit plan is prepared. The plan for internal audit for 2003 / 2004 is attached as Appendix 2.
- 5.6. The external audit plan for 2003/04 is attached as Appendix 3.

6. Background Information

1. Code of Practice for Internal Audit in the United Kingdom – CIPFA

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