

## **LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT**

### **MEETING OF THE PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE SELECT COMMITTEE 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2004**

#### **REPORT FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

##### **2002/2003 AUDIT LETTER FROM PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS**

#### **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.

#### **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. It was considered by the Executive on 7<sup>th</sup> January. A report will be brought to a future meeting of the Executive 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.
- 5.3 Representatives from PwC will be at this meeting to answer Members' questions.

#### **6. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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

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