

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

Performance and Finance Select Committee 22nd June 2005

Report from Director of Finance

For information

Wards affected:
ALL

**Report Title: INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN FOR 2005/06
JOINT AUDIT AND INSPECTION PLAN 2005/06**

Forward Plan ref:

1. Summary

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Performance & Finance Select Committee of the proposed internal audit plan and the joint audit and inspection plan 2005/06.

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, and compliance with, risk management, internal control and internal and external audit".

3. Detail

Audit Plans

- 3.1. The provision of the audit function for the authority is currently undertaken across three providers.

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.

For external audit:

- PricewaterhouseCoopers

3.2. For 2005 / 2006 internal and external audit will continue to work on the basis of a joint audit approach. This joint approach will reflect the requirements of the new code of practice for external auditors¹ as discussed in the Joint Audit and Inspection Plan from PWC and the Audit Commission. The Joint Audit and Inspection Plan is attached at appendix 1.

3.3. The CIPFA code of practice² on internal audit requires the proper planning of audit work. This requires strategic, periodic and operational work plans. The internal audit plan for 2005/06 is attached as Appendix 2.

4. Financial Implications

4.1. None.

5. Legal Implications

5.1. The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003³ require that the Council has a sound system of internal control which facilitates the effective exercise of the Council's functions and which includes arrangements for the management of risk.

6. Diversity Implications

6.1. The proposals in this report have been subject to screening and officers believe that there are no diversity implications arising from it.

7. Staffing/Accommodation Implications

7.1. None.

8. Background Papers

1. The Code of Audit Practice 2005 for local government bodies
2. Code of Practice for Internal Audit in Local Government in the UK
3. The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003

Any person wishing to inspect these documents should contact Committee and Member Services, Room 106, Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 9HD. Tel. 020 8937 1353.

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