



**Audit Committee**  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009

**Report from the Director of Finance  
and Corporate Resources**

For Information

Wards Affected: ALL

**Internal Audit Plan for 2010/11**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to advise the Audit Committee of the first draft of the proposed Internal Audit Plan for 2010/11. All Local Authorities are required to make proper provision for Internal Audit in line with the 1972 Local Government Act and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003<sup>1</sup> (as amended). The CIPFA Code of Practice on Internal Audit<sup>2</sup> in Local Government requires the proper planning of audit work.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1. The Audit Committee note the details and content of the report in its role as defined in the constitution: To consider the strategic and annual audit plans, and consider the level of assurance these can give over the Council's corporate governance and risk management arrangements.

**3. Detail**

- 3.1 The 2010/11 Audit Plan will be delivered through a partnership of the Council's in-house team and Deloitte & Touche Public Sector Internal Audit Ltd. The total plan days for 2010/11 are 1,196 of which 936 are allocated to Deloitte and 260 to the in-house team.

3.2 The report covers::

- How the total number of plan days has been determined;
- How the draft plan has been formulated; and
- How the plan will be monitored for ongoing relevance during the course of the year.

- 3.3 The Audit Committee should note that, at this stage, the process of formulating the plan is still in progress and hence the level of detail in certain areas is limited. The plan will be developed through March 2010 and a completed version will be presented to the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.

- 3.4 The plan is set out at Appendix A of the report. However, as indicated above, gaps do exist at this stage. Where possible an indication as to the proposed coverage for each individual audit has been provided. Members should note that these are summary level scopes only.
- 3.5 The plan itself will be subject to change during the course of the year, so as to ensure its ongoing relevance in light of any new or emerging risk areas, and also connected to the wide range of developments taking place across the Council. Any significant revisions will be communicated to Members at scheduled Committee meetings.
- 3.6 Members should note that, whilst the Internal Audit Plan for Brent Housing Partnership (BHP) forms part of the total plan days for the Council, this will be separately presented to BHP's Audit & Finance Sub-Committee.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

- 4.1 None specific from the consideration of the report.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (as amended) requires 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. Production of an annual audit plan is part of the overall internal control process.

#### **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 Accounts & Audit Regulations 2003 (as amended)
2. CIPFA Code of Practice for Internal Audit in Local Government

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