



**Audit Committee**  
15<sup>th</sup> June 2011

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

For Information

Wards Affected:  
ALL

**Final Internal Audit Progress Report 2010/11**

**1. Summary**

- 1.1. This report summarises the work of Internal Audit for 2010/11 and provides an update on progress since the previous report to this Committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2011.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. That the Audit Committee notes the progress made in achieving the 2010/11 Internal Audit Plan.

**3. Detail**

- 3.1. The Internal Audit Plan for 2010/11 comprised 1201 days, of which 941 were allocated to Deloitte Touche Public Sector Internal Audit Limited, and 260 to the in-house team.
- 3.2. A total of 1178 days have been delivered against the overall Plan, made up of 928 Deloitte PSIA days and 250 in-house days. This represents 98% of the Plan. This is an improvement on the 2009/10 Internal Audit Plan for which 95% of the plan was delivered.
- 3.3. Of the 41 Final Reports issued during 2010/11, for which an Assurance Report was due, there were 29 (71%) 'Substantial' assurance opinions and 12 (29%) 'Limited' assurance opinions. No 'Full' assurance or 'Nil' assurance opinions have been awarded for those audit reports finalised to date. This does not include the Brent Housing Partnership (BHP) final reports as these are reported separately to the BHP Audit & Finance Sub-Committee.

- 3.4. In total, 50 (44 Council & 6 BHP) Final Reports have been issued as part of the 2010/11 Internal Audit Plan. A summary report setting out completed audit work is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.5. With regard to the follow-up of recommendations raised and agreed by management, a more structured programme was introduced in 2008/09, as reported to Committee. Under the revised approach, management are responsible for completing a self assessment of the status of implementation of each of the recommendations originally raised, following the passing of agreed deadlines for implementation. Where management indicate that recommendations have been implemented, a meeting is arranged to verify this, following which a report is issued. If the recommendations have not been fully implemented, either through verification or as indicated by management in their self assessment, then, as was previously the case, further actions are identified as necessary and revised deadlines for completion will be agreed with management. In all cases, where recommendations have not been fully implemented, the further actions will continue to be followed-up until the point at which full implementation is confirmed.

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

- 4.1. None

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

- 5.1. None

#### **6. Diversity Implications**

- 6.1. None

#### **7. Background Papers**

1. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE – INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN FOR 2010/11, *Audit Committee 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010.*

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