



Report of the Director of Corporate Services

Corporate Governance and Audit Committee

Date: 29th November 2006

Subject: Progress Statement: External Audit

Electoral Wards Affected: 	Specific Implications For: Equality and Diversity <input type="checkbox"/> Community Cohesion <input type="checkbox"/> Narrowing the Gap <input type="checkbox"/>
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1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 This report presents to Members a paper that has been produced by the Council's external auditors (KPMG) to show progress against the 2005/6 and the 2006/07 external audit programme. The KPMG paper is attached.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The terms of reference for the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee state that the Committee are charged with carrying out the following function:

"To consider the Council's arrangements relating to external audit requirements including:

- the agreement and review of the nature and the scope of the annual audit plan."

This report contributes to this obligation.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 The attached report from KPMG details progress made against the external audit programme for 2005/6 and 2006/7, as at the 16th November 2006.

4.0 Implications for Council Policy and Governance

4.1 Maintaining an overview of the external audit programme supports the Committee in carrying out its overall responsibility to review the adequacy of the Council's corporate governance arrangements.

5.0 Legal And Resource Implications

5.1 There are no legal or resource implications.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 Members are requested to note the attached report and consider whether further reports on progress against the external audit plan are required.