

**INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS 2005/06**

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**Summary:** This report evaluates compliance in 2005/06 with the Good Governance Standard for Public Services, summarises progress with corporate governance arrangements since the previous year and details the outstanding issues.

**Recommendation:** That Members note the report and its contribution to the annual Statement on Internal Control.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Good Governance Standard for Public Services was adopted by Full Council on 28 July 2005. Internal Audit has the role of carrying out an independent review and reporting to Members annually, to provide assurance on the adequacy and effectiveness of corporate governance arrangements and the extent of compliance with the adopted Standard.

**2. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**

- 2.1 The internal audit report is attached at Appendix 1.

**3. CONCLUSIONS**

- 3.1 The Council's arrangements for Corporate Governance are in line with the Good Governance Standard for Public Services.
- 3.2 The arrangements were generally effective and being complied with. A significant number of items had been progressed since the previous year and outstanding issues are included in the action plan. Progress on these will be monitored on a quarterly basis.

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[Appendix 1 – Internal Audit report 2005/06 on Compliance with the Good Governance Standard](#)

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**List of Background Documents:** Corporate Governance 2005/06 Audit File

**Officers Consulted:** Corporate Team