

**INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS 2006/07**

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**Summary:** This report evaluates compliance in 2006/07 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 have been progressed since the previous year and progress on outstanding issues is being monitored on a quarterly basis. Four new actions have been identified and are included in the action plan.

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**List of Background Documents:** Corporate Governance 2006/07 Audit File

**Officers Consulted:** Corporate Team

