
EXTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE PLAN 2003/04

**Responsible Cabinet Member(s) - Councillor Don Bristow,
Resource Management Portfolio**

**Responsible Director(s) - Paul Wildsmith,
Director of Corporate Services**

Purpose of Report

1. To present the External Audit Service Plan as agreed with PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC) the Council's appointed external auditors.

Information and Analysis

2. Attached is a copy of the 2003/04 Audit Plan which has been prepared by PwC in consultation with officers. Mark Nicholson of PwC will present the Service Plan at your meeting.

Outcome of Consultation

3. No formal consultation was undertaken in production of this report.

Legal Implications

4. This report has been considered by the Borough Solicitor for legal implications in accordance with the Council's approved procedures. There are no issues which the Borough Solicitor considers need to be brought to the specific attention of Members, other than those highlighted in the report.

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

5. The contents of this report have been considered in the context of the requirements placed on the Council by Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, namely, the duty on the Council to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. It is not considered that the contents of this report have any such effect.

Council Policy Framework

6. The issues contained within this report do not represent change to Council policy or the Council's policy framework

Decision Deadline

7. For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter

Recommendation

8. It is recommended that the External Audit Service Plan for 2003/04 be noted.

Reasons

9. The recommendations are supported as they comprise part of the Council's corporate governance arrangements.

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Director of Corporate Services

Background Papers

There are no further background papers.

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