

Audit Progress Report

Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council

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Introduction

Audit programme	Planned start date	Planned Completion date	Progress to date	Comments
1 Planning		August 2004	Completed	Presented to and agreed at September Audit committee
2 Financial Governance	Feb 2005	May 2005		•
3 Final Accounts	Jul 2005	September 2005		

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4 Detailed review of Internal Audit.	Feb 2005			
5 Putting the Citizen First Project	ongoing			We plan to work with Internal audit on this project. <i>Work will include a review of the BAFO process; consideration of affordability, Public Sector comparator and accounting issues; a review of draft contract conditions</i>
6 SERCO	December 2004	February 2005	Audit brief agreed with Director	
7. ORACLES Implementation	November 2004	February 2005	Project brief agreed with Assistant Director of Finance	We are working with Internal Audit on this project to ensure we bring complementary skills to bear and to avoid duplication
8 Use of Agency Staffing in Social Services				Further follow up planned for February 2005 at the request of the Audit committee
9 Community associations	November 2004	February 2005	Audit brief agreed with director	Fact finding currently being carried out
10. Partnership working	November 2004	February 2005	Audit brief agreed with Director	This audit was brought forward at the request of the Audit committee. Fact finding is currently being carried out. This will involve summarising work DA has already done in this area and liaison with Internal Audit

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Review of Nurciss	February 2005	March 2005		<i>The Directorate has been working to revise procedures around this system. We plan to review the action taken to avoid problems in the 2004/05 final accounts preparation and audit.</i>
Trent implementation	March 2005	June 2005		<i>Building on the work of Internal audit we will seek to ensure that satisfactory controls are put in place and are being followed.</i>

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