

**Aberdeen City Council** 

**Audit Progress Report 2009/10** 

**21 September 2010** 



The following table records the stage of progress of each output proposed in the operational plan for 2009/10.

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| Planning  |                        |  |                  |                      |                           |                            |  |
| Risk assessment,<br>annual audit plan<br>and fee proposal | 18 February<br>2010    | 29 January<br>2010                           | 2010-01          | 18 February<br>2010  | 2 March 2010              | <b>✓</b>                   |  |
| Governance  |                        |  |                  |                      |                           |                            |  |
| Financial statements audit plan                           | 27 May 2010            | 11 May 2010                                  | 2010-02          | 27 May 2010          | 8 June 2010               | <b>√</b>                   | Interim work complete and final report presented to Audit and Risk Committee 8 June 2010   |
| Fraud returns   | As required            |  | N/A              |                      | N/A                       | <b>√</b>                   | Annual Return submitted to Audit Scotland 28 July 2010 confirming that there were no frauds to be reported for the year 2009/10. |



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| National Fraud<br>Initiative (NFI)<br>Questionnaire                   | 26 February<br>2010    | N/A  | N/A              | 26 February<br>2010  | N/A                       | <b>✓</b>                   | The finalised questionnaire was submitted to Audit Scotland summarising the progress made by the Council in taking forward NFI arrangements. This will be used to inform the NFI national report due for publication in May 2010. |
| Follow-up review –<br>School lets                                     | 30 June 2010           | 3 June 2010                                  | 2010/03          | 7 September<br>2010  | 21 September<br>2010      | <b>√</b>                   | Carried forward from 2008/09 plan.  Final Report submitted to Audit and Risk Committee on 21 September 2010.  |
| Performance   |                        |  |                  |                      |                           |                            |   |
| Impact assessment –<br>Overview of the local<br>authority audits 2009 | 16 April 2010          | N/A  | N/A              | 20 April 2010        | N/A                       | <b>√</b>                   | Completed questionnaire submitted to Audit Scotland on 20 April 2010 giving feedback on Councils' initial reaction to the Audit Scotland report.  |



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| Impact assessment –<br>Asset Management  | 14 May 2010            | N/A  | N/A              | 14 May 2010          | N/A                       | ~                          | Completed questionnaire submitted to Audit Scotland on 14 May 2010 giving feedback on Councils' progress against the recommendations in the Audit Scotland national report. |
| PRG overview report proforma return  | 30 September<br>2010   |  |                  |                      | N/A                       |                            |   |
| Impact assessments  – National Studies   | ТВА                    |  |                  |                      | N/A                       |                            |   |
| Finance  |                        |  |                  |                      |                           |                            |   |
| Communication of audit matters to those charged with governance (ISA 260 Report) | 30 September<br>2010   | WIP  |                  |                      | 26 October<br>2010        |                            | Year-end audit currently being progressed in order to achieve the deadline of 30 September 2010.  |



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| Audit opinion on financial statements                            | 30 September<br>2010   | WIP  |                  |                      | 26 October<br>2010        |                            | Year-end audit currently being progressed in order to achieve the deadline of 30 September 2010. |
| Audit opinion on the<br>Whole of<br>Government<br>Accounts (WGA) | 1 October 2010         | WIP  |                  |                      | N/A                       |                            | Draft return received for audit on 30 July 2010.   |
| Year-end<br>management letter<br>(if required)                   | 30 October<br>2010     |  |                  |                      | 2 December<br>2010        |                            |  |



**Draft report** Reporting **Planned** Report Final reporting Audit & Risk date or workprocess Audit area Comments reporting date number date Committee in-progress complete Auditor's reports on As required WIP N/A Education Maintenance Allowance grant claims and (EMA) audit certificate deadline is 31 returns July 2010 was met. Housing Benefit/ Council Tax Benefit (HB/ CTB) subsidy Claim audit currently being progressed. Initial testing completed, and extra testing identified. This needs to be completed by Council Officers prior to 30 September 2010 to ensure that adequate provision is included in the 2009/10 Financial Statements for any errors identified. HB/CTB subsidy TBA **WIP** TBA A final decision on the 2007/08 management letter Subsidy Claim was made by the DWP (if required) on 4 June 2010, where it agreed to clawback overpayments of £165,211. A final decision on the 2008/09 Subsidy Claim has still to be made, and is therefore with the DWP for consideration.



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| Overall Conclusion   | Overall Conclusion     |  |                  |                      |                           |                            |          |  |  |  |
| Report to Members<br>and Controller of<br>Audit – Annual<br>Report | 30 October<br>2010     |  |                  |                      | 2 December<br>2010        |                            |          |  |  |  |