

By: Head of Audit and Risk **Item 5**
Governance and Audit Committee – 30 June 2008

Subject: DRAFT HEAD OF AUDIT AND RISK ANNUAL REPORT

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary:

This report contains the draft Head of Audit and Risk Annual Report for review and approval.

FOR APPROVAL

Introduction

1. This report summarises the work that the Authority's Internal Audit and anti-fraud service has undertaken during 2007/08. It also highlights the key issues with respect to internal control, risk and governance arising from that work.
2. The Head of Internal Audit is required to provide the accounting officer with an opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the Authority's:
 - Risk management
 - Internal Control
 - Governance processes.
3. This is collectively referred to as "the **system of internal control**". The assessment of the control environment has an impact on what is recorded in the Annual Governance Statement, which must be disclosed in the Authority's final accounts.

RECOMMENDATION

4. Members are asked to APPROVE the draft Head of Audit and Risk Annual Report.

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