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Report to: Audit Committee

Date of Meeting: 25th June 2007

Report of: Audit Manager

Title: Annual Internal Audit Report – 2006/2007

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#### 1. SUMMARY

This report introduces the Audit Manager's Annual Report on the work of the Internal Audit Service for 2006/2007 and his opinion of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's control environment (attached).

## 2. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the contents of the annual report be noted.

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Report approved by Janice Maule – Director of Finance

#### 3.0 DETAILED PROPOSAL

There are no detailed proposals to put forward. Members are invited to discuss the contents of the annual report.

In accordance with past practice, the annual report also includes details of work undertaken during the last quarter of the financial year (mid-December 2006 to March 2007). This would normally be included in a quarterly progress report.

#### 4. IMPLICATIONS

## 4.1 Financial

The Director of Finance reports there are no immediate implications arising from this report.

## 4.2 <u>Legal Issues</u> (Monitoring Officer)

The Head of Legal Services reports that the legal implications are dealt with in the body of the report. The Council is under a duty to maintain an adequate and effective system of internal audit of its system of its accounting records and of its systems of internal control and the Audit Manager is required to present an annual report, including an opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the control environment, to those charged with governance.

#### 4.3 Staffing

There are no implications in this report.

#### 4.4 Accommodation

There are no implications in this report.

#### 4.5 Equal Opportunities

There are no implications in this report.

### 4.6 Community Safety

There are no implications in this report.

#### 4.7 Sustainability

There are no implications in this report.

## 4.8 Potential Risks

There are no implications in this report.

## Background papers:

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

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