

Audit Recommendations
Summary of Assurance

December 2011

	Full	Substantial	Limited	Little
Chief Executives Directorate		√		
Resources and Support Services Directorate		√		
Operational Services Directorate		√		
Regeneration and Development Directorate		√		

Opinions are classified as:

Full	The Internal Audit did not reveal any control weaknesses based on the samples at the time of the audit	94% - 100%
Substantial	The Internal Audit identified areas that required necessary action to avoid exposure to significant risk	70% - 93% or target changed > 2 on medium risk recommendations
Limited	The Internal Audit identified areas where it was imperative to act to avoid exposure to risk	50% - 69% or target changed > 2 on high risk recommendations
Little	The Internal Audit identified very little evidence of key controls being in place or a repetition of evidence that known action has not taken place to avoid exposure to high risk i.e.: as identified in previous audits. This exposes the Council to high risks that should have been managed.	Below 50%

Full assurance can be given where the Council achieves 95% of all recommendations implemented as the agreed performance measure for 2010/11.

Where target dates for the implementation of recommendations are changed or renegotiated we cannot give our full assurance. If the ongoing risk was considered as:

High Risk: (*action that is considered imperative to ensure that the authority is not exposed to high risks; (Implemented within 1 month)*)

Medium Risk: (*action that is considered necessary to avoid exposure to significant risks: (Implemented within 3 months)*)

By changing the date the risk is not being managed and therefore you may wish to seek additional assurance as to the security of the controls in place.