



**1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.1 The Committee's instructions are sought in the light of the comments made by the external auditors.

**2. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

**3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

**4. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

} Please see main report

**5. FINANCIAL, STAFFING, ICT AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There is no budget provision for additional meetings of the Committee and it would be necessary to adjust the current schedule of meetings or to make a budgetary adjustment to accommodate the auditors' suggestion.

**6. LEGAL ISSUES**

**7. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS**

} Please see main report

**8 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

8.1 Since finalisation of the previously circulated report, external auditors Robson Rhodes have commented as follows on the draft work programme:

*The one problem area we have relates to our report on MCS implementation and our interim management report. This work is ongoing but will be completed soon. The previous Audit and Scrutiny Committee were understandably keen to see our work (and the work of others in this regard) before the proposed implementation of the new financial systems on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Clearly a meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> August doesn't meet this timetable. I would suggest that a meeting between say June 20 and July 10 would be ideal.*

*Ultimately this is a matter for members but we feel it is important that audit committee members get a chance to comment on reports and the issues they raise before the August 3<sup>rd</sup> implementation date.*

8.2 The Committee's instructions are sought on any desired changes in the schedule of meetings to meet the above proposal.

**9 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

9.1 None

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