

**INTERNAL AUDIT PLANS FOR 2012/13**  
**Report of the County Treasurer**

Please note that the following recommendations are subject to confirmation by the Committee before taking effect.

**Recommendation:** that the Committee agrees the Internal Audit Plans for the year 2012/13

1. One of the responsibilities of the Committee is for “focusing audit resources, by agreeing the audit plans and monitoring delivery of the audit service”. The programme of internal audit work for the financial year 2012/13 is described in detail in a summary report available separately.
2. The key objectives of Internal Audit in the plans are:

to provide assurance to the County Treasurer (as the Section 151 “responsible officer”), and to other directors and members, on the adequacy and security of those systems on which the County Council relies for its internal control (the “control environment”);

to provide advice and assurance to managers and staff within the client directorates.

3. The planning process takes place with those clients towards the end of each financial year, resulting in an updated risk-based annual plan for the coming year. The risk-based audit work planned for 2012-13 is linked through the corporate and directorate risk registers to risks related to the achievement of the Council’s strategic objectives, as defined in the Strategic Plan. This is explained in more detail in the separate summary report.
4. Delivery of the Internal Audit Service will be by the Devon Audit Partnership, a shared services arrangement between Devon County Council, Plymouth City and Torbay Councils.
5. Future meetings of the committee will receive half-yearly and annual reports summarising performance against the plans and key findings from reviews.

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Electoral Divisions: All

Local Government Act 1972

List of Background Papers

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