

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY 5 JUNE 2003 AT 10:00 A.M.**

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**INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2002/03**

*Report of the Chief Internal Auditor*

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**1. Purpose of Report**

To present a summary of the key themes and recommendations that emerged through Internal Audit's work in 2002/03, and of management's responses to these, to enable members to comment on these and related matters.

**2. Background**

The attached Annual Report aims to bring together, service by service, the main issues raised by Internal Audit in the course of their 2002/03 work. Where possible, it also outlines management's responses and actions taken to address the recommendations in the many individual audit reports.

The introductory section sets out the key messages to emerge from the report, including an overall assurance on the Council's system of internal financial control. It also provides a glossary of the more frequently used audit terms and abbreviations.

The Committee's comments on the Annual Report are welcomed.