



The External Auditor gave a full report on each area assessed and those areas in which the Authority required further improvement. A further report which highlighted good practice was also circulated for Members information.

Members welcomed the further detail on the findings of the report and raised a number of issues including the underspending on the capital programme; the role of Members in the process; and links with partners to address common financial management issues to which the External Auditor responded. Members also requested that an update on the PURE action plan be presented to the Committee on 20 March 2007.

*RESOLVED:* That

- (1) the PURE final report be received;
- (2) the management response be endorsed, with an update on the action plan being presented to the Committee on 20 March 2007; and
- (3) the best practice report, be noted.

#### 4. INTERNAL AUDIT: PROGRESS REPORT 2006/07

The Internal Auditor reported on the outcome of the reviews undertaken in 2005/06 and the progress to date against the internal audit plan for 2006/07.

Members noted the report and called for the inclusion of a management response to audits in future reports to enable the Committee to monitor the progress of recommendations by the Constabulary. Members also expressed concern at the number of incomplete actions from the audit of police overtime and asked that an update on that audit be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.

*RESOLVED:* That

- (1) the internal audit progress report, be noted; and
- (2) an update on the action plan arising out of the police overtime audit be presented to the Committee on 20 March 2007.

#### 5. RISK MANAGEMENT: UPDATE

The Director of Performance Development reported on the revised arrangements for identifying and managing risk within the organisation following the completion of a strategic risk management review. It was reported that the document would be refined to identify only the key risks to ensure that it retained the appropriate level of focus on risk management.

*RESOLVED:*

That the updated Strategic Risk Register, be noted.

*Duration of Meeting: The meeting commenced at 9.30am and concluded at 11.00am*