

MATTERS FOR REPORT

7/06 - INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT – OUTTURN 2005/06, ANNUAL

PLAN 2006/07: The Audit Manager (Harrogate Borough Council) submitted a written report which set out the key findings and conclusions arising from work undertaken by the Council's Internal Audit Section in 2005/06 and set out the Internal Audit Annual Plan for 2006/07. The Audit Manager advised that local authorities were now required to conduct annual reviews of the effectiveness of their systems of Internal Audit. This was a requirement of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 amended in 2006. The purpose of the report was to encourage the Commission in its capacity as the Council's Audit Committee to help fulfil this requirement. The Commission was invited to Challenge the document and advised that any comments Members wished to make would be considered as part of the Council's annual review of its system of internal control as set out in its Statement on Internal Control (SIC) which also featured on the same agenda.

The Audit Manager then referred to each of the main points set out in the report and invited Members' questions thereon. It was unanimously **agreed** that the key findings and conclusions arising from the work that the Council's Internal Audit Section completed in 2005/06 be noted and that the Internal Audit Annual Plan for 2006/07 should be endorsed.

(6.07 pm – 6.15 pm)