

**REPORT TO THE Final Accounts and Audit Committee**

Report No.12

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>26/02/2007</b>
<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>Project Management Audit Report</b>
Link to Corporate Priorities	No links to corporate priorities, however links to corporate aims: 2. To ensure high quality, cost effective services. 4. To safeguard and enhance the assets and resources of North Wiltshire and the wider community.
Public Report	Yes

**Summary of Report**

To present to the Final Accounts and Audit Committee the Project Management audit report completed in November 2006

**Officer Recommendations**

That the contents of the report is noted.

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

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## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 At its meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2006 the Final Accounts and Audit Committee resolved that in future any audit reports achieving an opinion of less than “Satisfactory” should be referred to the committee.
- 1.2 This means that in future any in house audits awarded an assurance opinion of Limited (4) or None (5) and any IT audits awarded an opinion of Limited (3) or No Assurance (4) will be referred to the committee.

## **2. Options and Options Appraisal**

- 2.1 Option 1: To note the attached report.
- 2.2 Option 2: None

## **3. Background Information**

- 3.1 As a result of a joint tender entered into by Kennet District Council, Salisbury District Council and North Wiltshire District Council the audit contract for Information technology audits was awarded to Deloitte.
- 3.2 As part of the 12 days the Council purchases in every year an audit of Project Management was undertaken by Deloitte.
- 3.3 Whilst the focus of the audit was around the arrangements in place for managing IT projects, the scope of the audit also included the wider project management arrangements in the Council.
- 3.4 Though the auditors were highly complimentary about a number of practices in place, and were generally pleased with the approach adopted by the ICT Team, they did raise concerns about the Council wide approach to project management and therefore awarded an assurance opinion of Limited (3).
- 3.5 The resulting action plan was discussed and agreed with the Audit Manager and the ICT Services Team Leader. A number of the recommendations require action to be taken by the Corporate Management Board, in terms of the corporate approach to be adopted by NWDC, and the Audit manager and ICT Services Team Leader are currently working together to prepare a report for CMB for their consideration.

### **Implications**

N/A

### **Risk Analysis**

N/A

<b>Appendices:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Appendix 1 – Project Management audit report</b></li></ul>
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<b>Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>None</b></li></ul>
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**Previous Decisions Connected with this Report**

<b>Report</b>	<b>Committee &amp; Date</b>	<b>Minute Reference</b>
None	N/A	N/A