

Progress report

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Introduction

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Performance against plan

- 4 The table below shows the current position on the main areas of our work for 2011/12. Changes since the last report are shown in *italics*.

Table 1: **2011/12 Audit plan**

All work is progressing according to plan

Area of work	Target completion date	Current position
Audit plan (fee letter).	April 2011	● Complete. Initial fee letter issued 15 April 2011. Revised fee letter issued 2 June 2011.
Audit opinion plan.	May 2012	● Complete. Plan issued 14 April 2012
Annual governance report.	September 2012	● <i>In progress.</i> Interim audit work is complete. There are no matters to report to Members at this stage. <i>Final accounts visit commenced 16th July 2012 and is on target for completion in September.</i>
Opinion on the financial statements and value for money conclusion.	September 2012	● <i>In progress.</i> <i>On target for completion in September.</i>
Annual audit letter.	October 2012	● Not yet due.
Certification of grant claims and returns: summary report.	October 2012	● Not yet due.

Contact details

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