

Management Statement of Assurance

Directorate	
Director/Assistant Chief Executive/Head of Service	
Year	2005/06

This statement has been prepared to assist in the production of the Statement of Internal Control for Haringey Council in accordance with the requirements of the 2003 Accounts and Audit Regulations.

The assurances that I give are in the context of both the Council's overall governance and management arrangements and a corporate and regulatory infrastructure set up to assist me in the delivery of my responsibilities. It is accepted that I am entitled to and do place reliance on these arrangements and the infrastructure.

I confirm that:

1. I understand the requirements of my role, as set out in, inter alia, my job description, my work plan, relevant instructions and guidance from the Council and the terms and conditions of my employment.
2. I have specific objectives and targets, which have been established through the Council's Performance Review and Appraisal system. The objectives are robust and my performance can be assessed against them. The targets are specific, measurable and achievable. I have formally agreed my objectives and targets.
3. I understand that one of my managerial responsibilities is to develop, operate and maintain effective controls in all areas for which I have responsibility, in accordance with the Council's Constitution and Finance and Contract Procedure Rules. I understand that in so doing I have access to professional advice to assist me in carrying out my responsibilities.
4. My communications and the work of corporate colleagues leave me with no reason not to be satisfied that both the essential areas of the control systems for which I am responsible have been communicated to relevant staff and that they:
 - Are aware of their responsibilities in relation to areas of identified high risk;
 - Have sufficient authority to manage control processes in these areas; and
 - Are aware of their responsibilities to report any areas of concern which remain unresolved.
5. All significant internal control matters brought to my personal attention have been appropriately dealt with and that there are no outstanding issues which need to be resolved.

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6. During 2004/05, I have no reason to consider that the internal controls for which I am responsible have not operated to provide reasonable assurance in compliance with the Council's policies and procedures and any statutory requirements. No material discrepancies have been reported to me which have not been resolved except as set out in paragraph 8.
7. No material findings or recommendations relating to internal control made during 2004/05 by Internal Audit, the Council's external auditors, or other relevant external agencies remain outstanding except as set out in paragraph 8.
8. Any material exceptions to the above are listed below:

Signed: _____

Date: _____