

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARINGEY
AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT – NOVEMBER 2012

Work	Progress
Audit Planning – 2012/13	<p>We have started preparations for the 2012/13 audit and are supporting the Council in implementing an action plan to build on and improve the accounts compilation and audit processes.</p> <p>As part of our wider audit planning we are meeting with officers to ensure our work is focused on the key risks facing the Council in respect of its financial statements audit and Value for Money conclusion.</p>
Grant Certification	<p>We are in the process of certifying the Council's 2011/12 grants. This work will be completed by the end of December 2012. On completion, we will issue a report to the Council which will document our findings and the costs of this work. We have completed work on three grant claims with no issues noted and work is on-going on two claims. Specific benefit award errors have been identified in the Housing and Council Tax Benefit subsidy claim and additional testing is being carried out, as is normal practice for this claim. We plan to complete the work and certify the claim by the deadline of 30 November 2012.</p>
Publications	<p>Our second national study on financial resilience is due to be published on December 3rd. The report draws on work completed to inform our 2011/12 value for money conclusions in local authorities, including our review of financial resilience at the Council. We will provide the Council with copies of the report on publication.</p> <p>Our recent survey of 200 mid-market businesses examines the extent to which sustainability issues are integrated into a company's DNA, embedded in its business model and reported on as such. Our report, 'Sustainable Businesses- Navigating towards a more sustainable future', examines these issues. This report is an insightful background into the sustainability challenges faced by businesses today and contains a section on the issues faced by local authorities. Haringey was one of the authorities interviewed in drawing together this report. Hard copies of the report can be provided on request or accessed via the following link:</p> <p>http://www.grant-thornton.co.uk/en/Publications/2012/Sustainable-Businesses/</p>