

**ANNUAL AUDIT ASSURANCE REPORT 2003/04****Report By: Principal Audit Manager****Wards Affected**

County-wide.

**Purpose**

1. To highlight the key internal control issues identified during the course of audit work and provide an update on the actions or the current position on key issues identified during 2003/04 that required attention.

**Financial Implications**

2. None identified.

**Background**

3. The report considered by Cabinet on 9th September 2004 is appended.
4. It was agreed at Cabinet that a follow-up report would be presented to Members during December on issues raised in the Annual Audit Assurance Report. These include performance indicators, the contract with Herefordshire Jarvis Services and ICT.

**Recommendations**

- THAT**
- (a) **the contents of the attached Cabinet report dated 9th September 2004 be noted; and**
  - (b) **the Committee considers whether there are any issues it wishes to be brought to Cabinet's attention.**

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Audit assurance report to Cabinet - 9th September 2004.