

# NATURAL ENGLAND BOARD MEETING

**Meeting 2**  
**5 December 2006**



Paper No. **NEB P06 05**

Title: **Report from the Audit Committee**  
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## **1. Purpose**

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to allow the chair of the Audit Committee to update the Board on the key issues discussed at the Audit Committee on 4 December.

## **2. Recommendations**

2.1 The Board is asked to note the feedback from the Audit Committee that will have met on 4 December 2006.

## **3. Report**

3.1 The draft minutes of the second skeleton Audit Committee meeting on 12 September 2006 will be considered and approved at the meeting on 4 December 2006. Confirmed minutes will be tabled at the Board meeting.

3.2 The meeting of 4 December 2006 will consider:

- Internal audit terms of reference, work programme and resources;
- A report from the National Audit Office on its work so far and External Audit strategy
- The extent of assurance from the founding bodies;
- An update on risk process, governance framework and the overall process for the creation of the full Statement of Internal Control at the end of 2006/2007.

3.3 The Chairman will report as necessary.