



Audit Service awarded “Investor in People” status.

The Saint Helena Audit Service is delighted to announce today that it has received confirmation of having been awarded international “Investor in People” status. This follows the report of the assessor, Graham Pursey, who visited the Audit Service in March this year.

The Audit Service, formerly known as the Audit Department, was first recognised as an “Investor in People” in 2002 but funding restrictions resulted in the planned review to re-new the accreditation being delayed beyond the three-year maximum time allowed and consequently a thorough ‘first time assessment’ was required.

The assessor was able to hold individual interviews with every individual within the Audit Service which enabled him to comment that;

“Beyond any doubt, the Audit Service meets the standard set and demonstrates an impressive level of achievement with only minimal scope for improvement. There is a very strong commitment to the development of People here and consistently good feedback about the effectiveness of all managers in supporting people’s development.”

Andy Bonner, Chief Auditor, comments;

“This is great news for us – it is independent recognition that we have got our people management right. It helps underline what all the managers here are achieving so it is thanks then to all our managers for their hard work and commitment in achieving this; Bronwen Yon, Connie Stevens, Charlene Young, Delma Williams, Liz March and Helena Bennett.”

Bronwen Yon, Internal Audit Manager and also Staff Welfare Officer within the Audit Service, adds;

“This is a brilliant achievement – receiving the award has re-enforced our objective of total commitment and support of staff development, and our recognition and appreciation of their contributions.”

The Audit Service is grateful for the minor areas for possible further development that were identified during the course of this worthwhile review and have already begun considering the practicalities of their implementation in line with its overall commitment to continual improvement

Background information for editors:

1) Further general information on the “Investors in People” scheme can be found at <http://www.investorsinpeople.co.uk>

2) In agreement with the terms of reference agreed between the visiting assessor and the Saint Helena Government, assessments were conducted against the previous version of the “IIP” standard whilst the current version ‘settles down’ and to allow early implementation problems that have been experienced to be overcome.

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