

**PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**  
**13 MARCH 2012**

Members wished to express our thanks to Zurich Municipal who arranged, free of charge, risk management training for members. It was agreed that the slides of the training would be copied to all members. The decision of the Cabinet and the Full Council on 21 February to amend the Treasury Management Strategy Statement following consultation was noted. The minutes of the last Finance and Advisory Group meeting of 25 January were received, more information was requested about how SDC can access the KCC Audit Committee.

Andy Mack, the District Auditor, Updated the Committee on the Audit Commission Audit Plan for 2011/12. The committee delegated the decisions required by the auditors to the Chairman/Vice Chairman in consultation with the Director of Corporate Resources. Andy Mack also updated members on the externalisation of the Audit practice and assured members that under the new arrangements SDC would be likely to receive up to 40% reduction in audit fees.

An update was received on the occupation of the offices by external partners. Members asked for a more detailed report about the income generated by the sharing of accommodation. The committee approved the proposed amendments to the Council's Anti- Fraud and Corruption Strategy need to comply with the requirements of the Act.

A draft Internal Annual Audit Plan for 2012/13 was approved and the progress made by the Audit Team on the 2011/12 audit noted. A summary of the Council's performance was received and concerns raised about the level of staff absences were referred to the appropriate committee for further investigation .

Mark Fittock  
14 March 2012