

**Audit Committee – report from Cllr Ian Swithenbank CBE  
(Chairman)**

1. The Audit Committee met twice in June to review the audited financial statements for the LGA and its associated companies, prior to these being adopted by the relevant company boards and, for the LGA's consolidated accounts, by the LGA General Assembly on 2 July. The external auditors, Littlejohn, also attended the Audit Committee meetings and confirmed that the audits had gone well and that all the accounts had received unqualified audit opinions.
2. The Audit Committee also received reports from the LGA's internal auditors, Parkhill, on the second phase of the internal audit programme for 2012/13 along with the annual report from Parkhill.
3. Substantial audit opinions have been provided for four of the audits conducted: Human Resources, Procurement, Strategic and Operational Planning and Key Financial Controls. Adequate opinions were provided in two areas: income generating activities and ICT strategy. All of the twenty five recommendations made by the auditors have been accepted by management.
4. The Committee agreed the internal audit programme for 2013/14, which is now getting underway. Again, this will be carried out by Parkhill.
5. The Committee received its annual report on instances of fraud occurring in the year. There were no significant issues in 2012/13.

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