

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

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COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

QUESTION FROM COUNCILLOR JEFF OSBORN
TROWBRIDGE GROVE DIVISION

TO COUNCILLOR FLEUR DE RHE PHILIPPE
CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE, PERFORMANCE AND RISK

Question

Could members please be informed as to the extra audit fee that KPMG will be charging this Council to complete their external audit for 2009/10 as a result of deficiencies in the Council data originally provided?"

Response

There have not been deficiencies in the Council data originally provided.

At the Audit Committee, KPMG explained that in the first year of SAP teething problems were encountered in the early stages. This is common with the implementation of all new financial systems. As a consequence, KPMG will need to do more substantive detailed transactional testing than would be normal with an established finance system. The additional checking will be low level. KPMG will utilise Council Finance staff wherever possible to collate the information. Therefore the additional costs will be relatively low. As reported to the Audit Committee KPMG are not yet in a position to quantify these costs.