

**WILTSHIRE COUNCIL**

**WILTSHIRE PENSION FUND COMMITTEE**

**23 MAY 2012**

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**INTERIM EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to present the attached Interim Audit Report for the Wiltshire Pension Fund prepared by KPMG.

**Background**

2. The 2011-12 one is the fourth separate annual audit to be carried out on the Wiltshire Pension Fund since the requirement for separate audits of Local Government Pension Funds came into place. The audit is being carried out by Wiltshire Council's external auditor, KPMG.
3. KPMG completed their interim audit visit in April 2012 and the resulting report is attached. Mr Chris Wilson (Partner, KPMG) will be coming to the Committee meeting to present the report. The attached report is draft but should there be any changes an amended version will be circulated at the meeting.
4. The Statement of Accounts and draft Wiltshire Pension Fund Annual Report for 2011-12 will be presented to this Committee on 25 July 2012. The Statement of Accounts will be approved following the Final Accounts & Audit Committee on 7 September 2012 where Mr Wilson should be able to confirm the approval of the KPMG's final audit opinion and certificate. KPMG will present their final audit report ("Report to those charged with governance") at the Wiltshire Pension Fund Committee on 14 September 2012.

**Key Considerations for the Committee**

5. The attached interim report does show a generally sound organisational control environment and controls over key financial systems. No control observations were identified as part of the interim audit. An update has also been provided on the two medium risk recommendations from 2010/11 in respect of reviewing the bank reconciliation and manual journals. A review process has now been implemented to address these two areas as shown on page 23 on the attached report. This report does not raise any areas of concern at this stage.
6. Members are asked to also consider what Mr Wilson says verbally at the meeting.

**Proposals**

7. The Committee is asked to note the attached Interim Audit Report and to receive the verbal presentation by Mr Chris Wilson of KPMG.

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Unpublished documents relied upon in the production of this report: NONE