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#### **Audit Commission role**

- The Audit Commission Act 1998 sets out the statutory responsibilities of the Audit Commission, including:
  - appointing auditors to councils, NHS bodies (excluding NHS foundation trusts), police authorities and other local public services in England
  - setting audit fees
  - overseeing the local public audit regime
  - managing the contracts for audit and related services
- The Commission's Audit Practice (formerly District Audit Service) has been undertaking audit appointments under the Audit Commission regime

## Audit appointments for 2012/13

- Until 2012, the Commission outsourced around 30% of the work of its Audit Practice to audit firms, such as KPMG
- In March 2012 the Commission outsourced the remaining 70% of the work of its Audit Practice to four suppliers in ten lots; KPMG won the East Midlands contract
- Audit Practice staff will transfer to these suppliers on 1 November
- All contracts will last for five years from 2012/13 with 40% reduction in audit fees for most bodies
- Until abolished by legislation, the residual Audit
   Commission will continued to fulfil its statutory functions



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## **Background on UK KPMG LLP**

UK Employees 11,000

UK Locations 23 offices

UK Turnover in 2011 £1.48 billion



## KPMG's public sector audit practice

### Our public sector audit practice covers:

- 4 regions: North, Midlands, South West, and London/ Eastern Counties
- 385 employees
- 470 external audit clients
- 230 non-audit clients

## KPMG public sector audit work

**National** Wales Audit **Audit Commission** Audit Audit Scotland Office Office Higher Further Councils **PCTs NHSTs** Housing Education Education Central Foundation Police Fire Other Academies Govt & Trusts **NDPBs** 

#### **KPMG clients – Audit Commission framework**

- KPMG is now the second biggest audit supplier to the Commission, responsible for around 25% of audits
- Our clients include:
  - 41 single and upper tier local authorities
  - 45 borough and district councils
  - 23 other local authorities
  - 23 pension funds
  - 41 primary care trusts
  - 21 NHS trusts

## **KPMG UK offices**

Aberdeen	Birmingham	Bristol	Cambridge	Cardiff
Edinburgh	Gatwick	Glasgow	Ipswich	Leeds
Leicester	Liverpool	London	Manchester	Milton Keynes
Newcastle- upon-Tyne	Nottingham	Plymouth	Preston	Reading
	Southampton	Stoke-on- Trent	Watford	

## **KPMG Public Sector Audit Leadership**



Name	■ Mike McDonagh
Position	■ Head of Audit, Public Sector
Role	<ul><li>Overall national responsibility for all of KPMG's public sector audit work</li></ul>
	KPMG national lead for local government & central government
	Engagement lead for Audit Commission audits



Name	■ Trevor Rees
Position	■ Partner, Public Sector
Role	<ul> <li>Contact Partner for Audit Commission contract</li> </ul>
	■ Engagement lead for Audit Commission audits

## **Quality track record**

- Long history of positive assessments through the Audit Commission's Quality Review Process for:
  - the quality of KPMG's work
  - our compliance with the Audit Commission's requirements
  - audited body satisfaction
- Positive outcome from cyclical AIU reviews in 2010
- Since the introduction of an overall scored QRP report, KPMG has been:
  - top scoring audit supplier in 2010
  - second highest scoring supplier in 2011
- Our approach is based on a strong focus on quality, embedded in how we work and our culture

## Our reputation for service excellence

- KPMG was named 'Global Firm of the Year' at the Accountancy Age Awards 2010
- Our Audit Commission team was 'Audit Team of the Year' in 2009
- Audit Firm of the Year in the British Accountancy Awards 2011
- And many more......





















#### **Our values**

- We lead by example
- We work together
- We respect the individual
- We seek facts and provide insight
- We are open and honest in our communications
- We are committed to our communities
- We act with integrity.

## **Delivery of audit work**

# Staffing

Maintain continuity

But introduce mixed teams

# Technical excellence

Comprehensive technical support

Network of specialists

# Efficiency

Focused & risk based audit

Faster delivery, less time on site

**Technology** 

# Reporting

Plain English

Concise

Adding value



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#### **Audit Committee Institute**

- Recognising the importance of audit committees, the Audit Committee Institute (ACI) has been created to serve audit committee members and help them to adapt to their changing role.
- Sponsored by KPMG, the ACI provides knowledge to audit committee members and is a resource to which they can turn for information or to share knowledge.

## **ACI – Key publications**

- Key publications include:
  - Toolkit 'A Practical Guide Shaping the UK audit committee agenda'
  - Annual ten to-do's for audit committees
  - ACI Quarterly
  - Briefings



## **ACI – Key initiatives**

- Key initiatives include:
  - Professional Development Programme
  - Chair 100 Group FTSE 100
  - BOFI Programme Training and development for NEDs of Banks & Other Financial Institutions
  - FTSE 350 Breakfast programme
  - Local Government Programme



## **ACI – Local Government Programme**

- Currently runs twice yearly
- Early evening events around the country
- Designed specifically for local authority members with Audit Committee (or equivalent) responsibilities.
- Mixture of presentations and round table discussions
- Forum for Audit Committee members to network and share ideas
- Autumn session for the Midlands is on 13 November in Leicester and in Leeds on 28 November
- On the agenda this autumn: Hot topics briefing; Partnership governance; 'The Brilliant Local Authority of the Future' – threats and opportunities facing local government



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