

**Minutes of the Audit and Performance
Management Committee**

10 October 2011 at 1.30 pm
at Fire Service Headquarters, Birmingham

Present: Councillor Turner (Chair);
Councillor Griffiths (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Singh and Tranter.
Mr Ager (Independent Member).

Also Present: Councillor Douglas-Maul (Lead Member Performance
Management).

37/11 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September, 2011 be approved as a correct record.

38/11 **Consultation on external audit work programme and scale of fees 2012/13 and update on the future of external local audit plan**

The Committee noted the proposed work programme and scale of fees for external audit work in 2012/13. The Committee was consulted on the Authority's proposed response to the consultation, which would conclude on 24 October 2011.

It was reported that the Department for Communities and Local Government had confirmed the approach and timetable for the transfer of external public audit to the private sector. External public sector audit was to be outsourced to the private sector by way of a procurement process. The process would be managed by the Audit Commission and new contracts would be awarded for three or five years. It was anticipated that the new auditor would be appointed by 1 September 2012. This would enable the selected private sector audit practice to undertake the external audit work programme for the 2012/13 audit year. Therefore, the scale fee, although set by the Audit Commission, will be payable to a private sector practice.

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39/11 **Internal Audit Progress Report**

The Committee noted progress made against delivery of the 2011/2012 Internal Audit Plan.

40/11 **Work Programme 2010/2011**

The Committee noted its work programme for 2011/2012.

(The meeting ended at 2.11 pm)

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