

Concluded cases since July 2012

Appendix A

Ref	Allegation	Outcome	Recommendations
840	A member of the public made numerous allegations to the Chair of Governance and Audit Committee in relation to the operation and governance arrangements of two companies trading on behalf of KCC.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The investigation identified that a member of staff had misrepresented facts concerning ownership and directorship, failed to declare conflicts of interest and misappropriated KCC funds.</li> <li>• A member of staff was dismissed for gross misconduct (subject to appeal).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations were made to strengthen governance arrangements.</li> <li>• An extensive exercise is planned to test declarations of interest across the Council.</li> </ul>
841	A school cheque was intercepted, altered and presented for payment. A replacement cheque to the same supplier subsequently went missing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The bank was contacted and agreed to refund the money.</li> <li>• The second cheque was misplaced by the bank and not the supplier.</li> <li>• The bank is continuing with the investigation and no further action is required by KCC.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternative payment arrangements were agreed with the supplier.</li> </ul>
844	A member of the public applied for a Blue Badge from two separate authorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The application to KCC was made in error and has been cancelled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No recommendations were required.</li> </ul>
845	Anonymous information was received indicating a Blue Badge holder had obtained their badge fraudulently and was not in any way incapacitated.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The application was reviewed and supporting medical evidence was confirmed.</li> <li>• Without additional evidence KCC are unable to pursue this allegation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No recommendations were required.</li> </ul>
846	A counterfeit invoice was received requesting payment for an Internet domain name unrelated (but similar) to KCC's no use empty property initiative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The invoice was confirmed as spurious however the sender was based in the USA and therefore we were unable to pursue the allegations further.</li> <li>• No payment was made.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An alert was issued via KMail reminding staff to remain vigilant when approving invoices for payment.</li> </ul>