

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT – DECEMBER 2012

Work	Progress
Audit Planning – 2012/13	<p>We have started preparations for the 2012/13 audit and are working with the Council on the audit testing requirements for the 2012/13 financial statements.</p> <p>As part of our wider audit planning we are holding joint meetings with internal audit in January 2013. We plan to meet with members of the Corporate Board to ensure our audit work is focused on the key risks facing the Council in respect of its financial statements audit and Value for Money conclusion.</p>
Grant Certification	<p>We are in the process of certifying the final claim from the Council in respect of 2011/12 grants. This work will be completed by the end of December 2012. On completion, we will issue a report to the Council which will document findings from 2011/12 grant audits and the costs of this work.</p> <p>Two of the 2011/12 claims were certified by your previous auditor, Audit Commission, with no issues noted. We have completed work on one grant claim in November 2012 which was certified with a qualification letter. Details of this will be included in the grants report.</p>
Publications	<p>Our second national study on financial resilience is due to be published on 6 December. The report 'Towards a Tipping Point?' draws on work completed to inform our 2011/12 value for money conclusions in local authorities. We will provide the Council with copies of the report on publication.</p> <p>Our recent survey of 200 mid-market businesses examines the extent to which sustainability issues are integrated into a company's DNA, embedded in its business model and reported on as such. Our report, 'Sustainable Businesses- Navigating towards a more sustainable future', examines these issues. This report is an insightful background into the sustainability challenges faced by businesses today and contains a section on the issues faced by local authorities. Hard copies of the report can be provided on request or accessed via the following link:</p> <p><u>Sustainable Businesses - Navigating towards a more sustainable future</u></p>