# KING COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE

# What to Expect from a Performance Audit

#### What is a performance audit?

Performance audits are a systematic examination of evidence to independently assess the performance and management of government activities against objective criteria. They result in a written report communicating the results of the audit and are typically presented to the King County Council. Audits are conducted according to a strict set of standards intended to ensure the accuracy and usefulness of findings and recommendations to decision-makers.

## What are the steps in the process?

## What's in it for you?

Audits can...

- ✓ Introduce new knowledge, perspectives, tools, and approaches
- ✓ Help solve an operational problem
- Provide independent feedback
- Provide objective support for a new course of action
- Recognize achievement and identify opportunities

