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Dear Member

Southampton City Council Annual Audit Letter 2011/12

I am pleased to submit my Annual Audit Letter which summarises my 2011/12 audit of Southampton City Council.

Financial statements

On 25 September 2012 I presented my Annual Governance Report (AGR) to the Governance Committee outlining the findings of my audit of the Authority's 2011/12 financial statements. I will not replicate those findings in this letter.

Following the Governance Committee, I:

- issued an unqualified opinion on the Authority's 2011/12 financial statements included in the Authority's Statement of Accounts;
- concluded that you have made proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in your use of resources; and
- certified completion of the audit.

Duties under the Audit Commission Act 1998

I have not taken any action using my powers under the Audit Commission Act 1998 in respect of my audit of your 2011/12 financial statements.

Closing remarks

I have discussed and agreed this letter with the Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Finance. While this has been another challenging year for the Council I wish to thank the finance staff for the positive and constructive approach they have taken to my audit. I also wish to thank senior management and the Governance Committee for their support and co-operation during the audit.

Yours sincerely

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