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— Dear Member

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority Annual Audit Letter 2011/12

I am pleased to submit my Annual Audit Letter which summarises my 2011/12 audit of Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority.

Financial statements and Value for Money Conclusion

On 21 September 2012 I presented my Annual Governance Report (AGR) to the Standards and 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 Standards and Governance Committee on 21 September, 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;
- certified completion of the audit.

Duties under the Audit Commission Act 1998

I confirm I have not taken any action using my powers under the Act and there are no matters I need to bring to your attention.

Closing remarks

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

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