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Dear Carolyn

Hampshire County Council and Hampshire Pension Fund Audit of Accounts 2011-2012 Annual Audit Letter and Notice of Certification of Completion of the Audit

I am pleased to be able to advise you that the audit of the Council's accounts for the year ending 31 March 2012 has been completed.

An unqualified opinion and the audit certificate on the accounts were issued on 27 September 2012. On the same date I also issued an unqualified conclusion on the Council's arrangements for securing value for money as required by the Audit Commission's Code of Practice.

I have not had to issue a report in the public interest under Section 8 of the Audit Commission Act 1998.

Please note that Regulation 11 of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 requires the Council to give notice by advertisement, including on your website, that the audit has been concluded and the statement of accounts is available for inspection by local government electors.

This notification should include:

- A statement of the rights conferred on local government electors by section 14 of the 1998 Act;
- The address at which, and the hours during which those rights may be exercised; and,
- Details of where the statement of accounts can be found on your website.

As the Audit Commission's audit practice will close on 31 October, it will not be possible for me to present my Annual Audit Letter to all Members in person. I have therefore presented a draft of my letter to the Audit Committee on 27 September and will present the letter to the Cabinet on 29 October. I enclose the final document with this letter and would be grateful if you could arrange to share this with all Members as usual.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude for your help and support during the period of my appointment as the Audit Commission's Engagement Lead for the Council and Pension Fund.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kate Handy". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Kate Handy
Officer of the Audit Commission