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Dear Theresa

### **Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Year ended 31 March 2023**

Please find enclosed the signed External Audit Report to accompany your Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2023.

We also enclose a note of our charges based on the fixed rate audit fee as set by the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd.

#### **Authorities who have not claimed exemption**

Regulation 13 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 stipulate that Authorities, who are not inactive Authorities, must publish the following (including on the Authority's website):

- (a) The Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement
- (b) The auditor's certificate and opinion
- (c) Any public interest report or other recommendation of the auditor.
- (d) A form of Notice of Conclusion of Annual Audit

**We draw your attention to the following points.** The Council is required to approve Section 1 and 2 of the return individually in a specified order and the minutes appear to reflect this. However, as the minute references used were the same on both sections 1 and 2, this was not clear on the face of the return. Best practice would be to reflect a full sub reference for each section so the order of approval is more easily identified.

A Notice of Conclusion of Audit form is available, if required, on our website using the link here <http://bit.ly/SmallerAuthorities>.

The notice must also state that an elector may inspect those documents at all reasonable times and without payment. The address and times when this inspection may be carried out must also be given.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Moore'.

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