

28 September 2012

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Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council Annual Audit Letter 2011/12

I am pleased to submit my Annual Audit Letter which summarises my 2011/12 audit of Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council.

Financial statements

On 27 September 2012 I presented my Annual Governance Report (AGR) to the Audit and Risk 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 Audit Committee on 27 September 2012 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;
- concluded that there are no matters arising from my value for money work that I need to report; and
- certified completion of the audit.

Closing remarks

I have discussed and agreed this letter with the Chief Executive and Executive Director (Resources and Support Services). While this has been another challenging year for the Council, 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 Audit and Risk Committee for their support and co-operation during the audit.

Yours sincerely

Tony Corcoran

District Auditor