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Dear Member

Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council - Annual Audit Letter 2011/12

I am pleased to submit my Annual Audit Letter which summarises my 2011/12 audit of Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council.

Financial statements

On 25 June 2012 I presented my Annual Governance Report (AGR) to the Audit Committee outlining the findings of my audit of the Authority's 2011/12 financial statements. Immediately following that meeting of the Audit Committee I:

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

The Council was again the earliest in the country to receive an audit opinion on its accounts, improving still further on the previous year's date of 29 July.

I was unable to certify completion of the audit at the 25 June 2012 because the Whole of Government Accounts (WGA) Report had not yet been completed.

Completion of the 2011/12 audit

I was able to complete my work on the Authority's WGA report and issued a certificate on the completion of my audit on 28 August 2012.

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Closing remarks

I have discussed and agreed this letter with the Chief Executive and Borough Treasurer. While this has been another challenging year for the Authority I wish to thank the finance and internal audit staff for their positive and constructive approach they have taken to my audit. I also wish to thank senior management and the Audit Committee for their support and co-operation during the audit.

Yours sincerely

Mark Heap
District Auditor