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Dear David

Northampton Borough Council Annual Audit Letter 2011/12

Further to our previous email correspondence, please find attached the annual audit letter for 2011/12.

Please could you ensure that it is made available to all members of the Council. I have sent an electronic version separately.

Can I also take the opportunity to thank you, Isabell and the rest of the team for your help and cooperation during the audit.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Bellamy'.

Neil Bellamy
District Auditor

Cc **Isabell Procter**, Director of Resources
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Dear Member

Northampton Borough Council - Annual Audit Letter 2011/12

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

Financial statements

On 26 September 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. I will not replicate those findings in this letter.

Following the Audit Committee on 26 September 2012 I:

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

Closing remarks

I have discussed and agreed this letter with the Chief Executive and Director of Resources. 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 Audit Committee for their support and co-operation during the audit.

Yours sincerely



Neil Bellamy
District Auditor