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— Dear Member

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Annual Audit Letter 2011/12

I am pleased to submit my Annual Audit Letter which summarises my 2011/12 audit of North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority,

Financial statements

On 24 September 2012, I presented my Annual Governance Report (AGR) to the Audit, Performance and Review 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 Committee on 24 September, 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; and
- certified completion of the audit.

Closing remarks

I have discussed and agreed this letter with the Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Service Development. 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 and Performance Review Committee for their support and co-operation during the audit.

Yours sincerely

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