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Dear Tunbridge Borough Council Member

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Annual Audit Letter 2011/12

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

Financial statements

On 26 September I presented my Annual Governance Report to the Audit and Governance Committee outlining the findings of my audit of the Authority's 2011/12 financial statements. I will not replicate the detailed findings in this letter.

Following the Audit Committee on 26 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.

I am pleased to report that the Council once again produced a sound set of financial statements supported by good working papers. The Council continues to demonstrate strong financial management and has robust arrangements in place to ensure value for money.

Duties under the Audit Commission Act 1998

I have responded to correspondence from local electors and others during the year. None of the matters raised with me have led me to exercise any formal audit powers in relation to any of the issues raised.

Closing remarks

I have discussed and agreed this letter with the Chief Executive and Head of Finance and Governance. Whilst the external environment continues to be a challenging one for all local authorities, the Council continues to be well placed to meet the challenges ahead. 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

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