

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE - 18 DECEMBER 2012

Title of report	ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2011/12
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Purpose of report	To report the receipt of the Annual Audit Letter
Reason for Decision	To receive a report from the District Auditor
Council Priorities	Value for Money
Implications: Financial/Staff Link to relevant CAT Risk Management Equalities Impact Assessment Human Rights Transformational Government	 As contained in the Annual Letter. None. Not required. Not required. None identified. Not applicable.
Consultees	None
Background papers	None.
Recommendations	THAT THE 2011/12 ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER BE NOTED

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The District Auditor was responsible for the external audit of the Council's financial statements and Value for Money arrangements in 2011/12. He has provided the Annual Audit letter for consideration by the Committee:
- 1.2 The Letter summarises the findings from the 2011/12 audit. It is much shorter than previous audit letters and is the last one to be provided by the Audit Commission, future years' audits will be undertaken by KPMG.
- 1.3 A copy of the Annual letter is attached at Appendix 1. The District Auditor will not be at the meeting to present it and has not raised any issues of concern.

22 October 2012

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Dear Member

North West Leicestershire District Council Annual Audit Letter 2011/12

I am pleased to submit my Annual Audit Letter which summarises my 2011/12 audit of North West Leicestershire District Council.

Financial statements

On 25 September 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 meeting of the Audit Committee on 25 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;
- certified completion of the audit.

Closing remarks

I have discussed and agreed this letter with the Chief Executive and Head of Finance. While this has been a 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