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Dear Member

Ribble Valley Borough Council Annual Audit Letter 2011/12

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

Financial statements

On 22 August 2012 my Annual Governance Report (AGR) was presented to the Accounts and 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 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 Director of Resources. While this has been another challenging year for the Council 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 Accounts and Audit Committee for their support and co-operation during the audit.

Yours sincerely

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District Auditor