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Dear Andy

# Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council - Audit for the year ended 31 March 2012

I confirm to the best of my knowledge and belief, having made appropriate enquiries of other directors and officers of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, the following representations given to you in connection with your audit of the Authority's financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012.

## Compliance with the statutory authorities

I have fulfilled my responsibility under the relevant statutory authorities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 and the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom which give a true and fair view of the financial position and financial performance of the Authority, for the completeness of the information provided to you, and for making accurate representations to you.

## **Uncorrected misstatements**

The effects of uncorrected financial statements misstatements summarised in the attached schedule are not material to the financial statements, either individually or in aggregate. The reasons for not correcting the misstatements are included on the schedule.

## **Supporting records**

I have made available all relevant information and access to persons within the Authority for the purpose of your audit. I have properly reflected and recorded in the financial statements all the transactions undertaken by the Authority.

## Irregularities

I acknowledge my responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud or error.



I also confirm that I have disclosed:

- my knowledge of fraud, or suspected fraud, involving either management, employees who have significant roles in internal control or others where fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements;
- my knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others; and
- the results of our assessment of the risk the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.

### Law, regulations, contractual arrangements and codes of practice

I have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance, or suspected noncompliance with laws, regulations and codes of practice, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.

Transactions and events have been carried out in accordance with law, regulation or other authority. The Authority has complied with all aspects of contractual arrangements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance.

All known actual or possible litigation and claims, whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements, have been disclosed to the auditor and accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

### Accounting estimates including fair values

I confirm the reasonableness of the significant assumptions used in making the accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value.

### **Related party transactions**

I confirm that I have disclosed the identity of the Authority's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which I am aware. I have appropriately accounted for and disclosed such relationships and transactions in accordance with the requirements of the Code.

### Subsequent events

I have adjusted for or disclosed in the financial statements all relevant events subsequent to the date of the financial statements.

Signed on behalf of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

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Sharon Shelton,

Director of Finance

Date 25 September 2012

I confirm that this letter has been discussed and agreed by the General Purposes Committee on 25September 2012.

Signed

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Councillor H S Rogers,

Chairman

Date 25 September 2012

Schedule of uncorrected misstatements

Error	Amount £	Reason for non correction
Municipal Mutual Insurance	302,460	Whilst the view held by the District Auditor is that the amount shown should be treated as a provision as opposed to a contingent liability, this is not the current view held by the Council. It continues to see it as possible rather than probable that a request for funds will be made at sometime in the future. However, it is recognised that the position may change following the publication of the Company's accounts each financial year.