Definitions of Audit Opinions

High There is a sound system of control operating effectively to

achieve service/system objectives.

Any issues identified are minor in nature and should not prevent

system/service objectives being achieved.

Substantial The system of control is adequate and controls are generally

operating effectively.

A few weaknesses in internal control and/or evidence of a level of non-compliance were noted during the audit that may put a

system/service objective at risk.

Adequate The system of control is sufficiently sound to manage key risks.

However there were weaknesses in internal control and/or evidence of a level of non-compliance with some controls that

may put system/service objectives at risk.

Limited Adequate controls are not in place to meet all the system/service

objectives and/or controls are not being consistently applied. Certain weaknesses require immediate management attention as if unresolved they may result in system/service objectives not

being achieved.

No Assurance The system of control is inadequate and controls in place are not

operating effectively. The system/service is exposed to the risk of abuse, significant error or loss and/or misappropriation. This means we are unable to form a view as to whether

objectives will be achieved.