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Dear Richard

Certification of claims and returns - annual report 2013/14

The Audit Commission requires its external auditors to prepare an annual report on the claims and returns it certifies for each client. This letter is our annual report for the certification work we have undertaken for 2013/14.

In 2013/14 we carried out certification work on the Housing Benefit Subsidy Claim (BEN01) which had a certified value of £71,229,693.

Matters arising

Our certification work did not identify any issues or errors with the claim, and we certified the claim unqualified without amendment.

Consequently we have made no recommendations to the Council to improve its claims completion process.

In our 2012/13 Certification Annual Report we raised one recommendation relating to the reconciliation of pension contribution bandings for the Teachers' Pension Return. This return is no longer subject to certification under the Audit Commission regime but we have carried out the work under different arrangements and confirm that the Council had dealt properly with the recommendation from 2012/13.

Certification work fees

The Audit Commission set an indicative fee for our certification work on the BEN01 claim in 2013/14 of £12,319. Our actual fee was the same as the indicative fee, and this compares to the



2012/13 fee for this claim of £9,309. The increase from the prior year fee is in line with the scale fee determined by the Audit Commission.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ian Pennington'.

Ian Pennington
Director

cc: Ken Clarke (Assistant Director: Finance, Audit & Information Governance)
Audit Committee

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