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Ladies and Gentlemen

London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Annual Audit Letter 2011/12

I am pleased to submit my Annual Audit Letter which summarises the results of my 2011/12 audit work.

Audit Work

On 27 September 2012 I presented my Annual Governance Reports to the Public Accounts and Audit Select Committee. These reports set out the findings of my audits of the accounts of the Council and its Pension Fund. I will not repeat those findings in this letter.

Following the Public Accounts and Audit Select Committee, on 28 September 2012 I:

- issued unqualified opinions on the 2011/12 financial statements of the Council and the Pension Fund;
- concluded that you have made proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in your use of resources for 2011/12;
- issued my assurance statement on the Council's 2011/12 Whole of Government Accounts' consolidation pack; and
- certified the completion of the 2011/12 audit.

Closing remarks

I have agreed this letter with the Divisional Director of Finance. I would like to thank officers, and Members of the Public Accounts and Audit Select Committee, for the positive and constructive approach they have taken to what is my, and the Audit Commission Audit Practice's, last audit of the Council.

Yours sincerely

Jon Hayes
District Auditor

Cc Graham Farrant, Chief Executive
Jonathan Bunt, Divisional Director of Finance