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Dear Clerk

Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Year ended 31 March 2025

Please find enclosed the signed External Audit Report to accompany your Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2025.

We also enclose a note of our charges based on the fixed rate audit fee as set by the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd.

Authorities who have not claimed exemption

Regulation 13 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 stipulate that Authorities, who are not inactive Authorities, must publish the following (including on the Authority's website):

- (a) The audited version(s) of the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement
- (b) The auditor's certificate and opinion
- (c) Any public interest report or other recommendation of the auditor.
- (d) A form of Notice of Conclusion of Annual Audit

We draw your attention to the following points:

- Per the internal auditors report, the Internal Auditor answered 'Not covered' to control
 objective F which suggests that the council does not operate a petty cash system and so
 referencing petty cash (even as a nil balance) on the bank reconciliation seems unnecessary.
 We would suggest the reconciliation schedule is updated to remove it if the council do not
 operate such a system.
- The breakdown of other income box 3 was not provided on the initial submission, as requested on the standard information checklist. The council should ensure that this is submitted when applicable in future.

A template Notice of Conclusion of Audit form is available in the useful documents section on our website using the following link https://www.moore.co.uk/sectors/public-sector/smaller-authorities.



The notice must also state that an elector may inspect those documents at all reasonable times and without payment. The address and times when this inspection may be carried out must also be given.

Yours sincerely

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