

# The Audit Findings for Mid Devon District Council

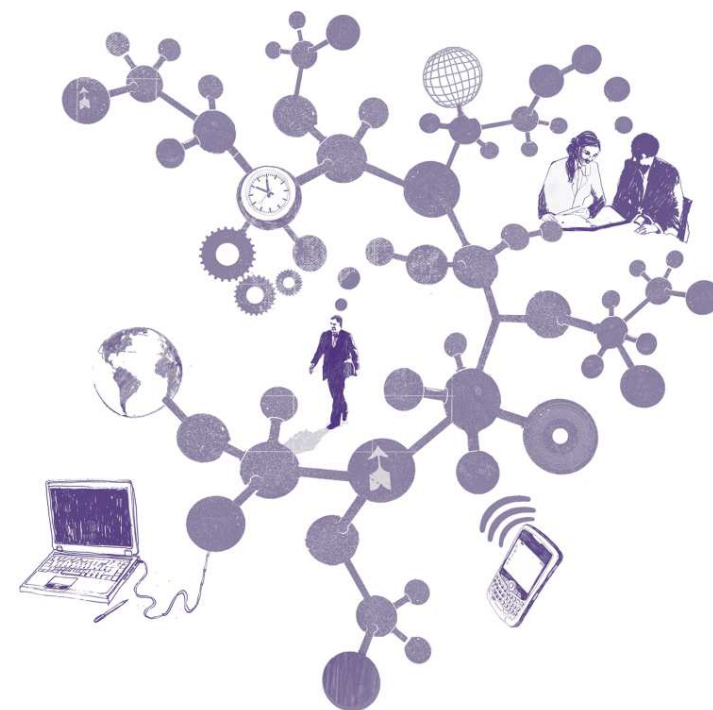
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The contents of this report relate only to those matters which came to our attention during the conduct of our normal audit procedures which are designed primarily for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our audit is not designed to test all internal controls or identify all areas of control weakness. However, where, as part of our testing, we identify any control weaknesses, we will report these to you. In consequence, our work cannot be relied upon to disclose defalcations or other irregularities, or to include all possible improvements in internal control that a more extensive special examination might identify.

We do not accept any responsibility for any loss occasioned to any third party acting, or refraining from acting on the basis of the content of this report, as this report was not prepared for, nor intended for, any other purpose.

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# Section 1: Executive summary

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# Executive summary

## Purpose of this report

This report highlights the key matters arising from our audit of Mid Devon District Council's (the Council) financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2014. It is also used to report our audit findings to management and those charged with governance in accordance with the requirements of International Standard on Auditing 260 (ISA).

Under the Audit Commission's Code of Audit Practice we are required to report whether, in our opinion, the Council's financial statements present a true and fair view of the financial position, its expenditure and income for the year and whether they have been properly prepared in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting. We are also required to reach a formal conclusion on whether the Council has put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources (the Value for Money conclusion).

## Introduction

In the conduct of our audit we have not had to alter or change our planned audit approach, which we communicated to you in our Audit Plan dated 27 May 2014.

Our audit is substantially complete although we are finalising our work in the following areas:

- testing of the collectability of Council Tax and NDR debtors
- HRA rental income
- employee remuneration
- NDR appeals provision
- review of the final version of the financial statements

- obtaining and reviewing the final management letter of representation
- review of final version of the Annual Governance Statement and
- updating our post balance sheet events review, to the date of signing the opinion
- obtaining assurance from the Devon Pension Fund auditor

We received draft financial statements and accompanying working papers at the start of our audit, in accordance with the agreed timetable.

## Key issues arising from our audit

### Financial statements opinion

Following the completion of our audit work, we currently anticipate providing an unqualified opinion on the financial statements.

We have identified two adjustments affecting the Council's disclosures in the primary statements:

- the presentation of the pension fund accounting adjustments in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure account did not conform to the updated code requirements; and
- the cash flow statement analysis was restated to include items in the correct category.

Both statements have been amended and the disclosure notes have been updated.

We have also identified a number of adjustments to improve the presentation of the financial statements. There are no unadjusted errors.

Further details are set out in section 2 of this report.

### **Value for Money conclusion**

We are pleased to report that, based on our review of the Council's arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources, we propose to give an unqualified VfM conclusion.

Further detail of our work on Value for Money is set out in section 3 of this report.

### **Whole of Government Accounts (WGA)**

We have completed our work on the Whole of Government Accounts and have no issues which we wish to highlight for your attention.

### **Controls**

The Council's management is responsible for the identification, assessment, management and monitoring of risk, and for developing, operating and monitoring the system of internal control.

Our audit is not designed to test all internal controls or identify all areas of control weakness. However, where, as part of our testing, we identify any control weaknesses, we report these to the Council.

Further details are provided within section 2 of this report.

### **The way forward**

Matters arising from the financial statements audit and review of the Council's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources have been discussed with the Head of Finance.

### **Acknowledgment**

We would like to take this opportunity to record our appreciation for the assistance provided by the finance team and other staff during our audit.

**Grant Thornton UK LLP**  
**12 September 2014**

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## Section 2: Audit findings

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# Audit findings

In this section we present our findings in respect of matters and risks identified at the planning stage of the audit and additional matters that arose during the course of our work. We set out on the following pages the work we have performed and findings arising from our work in respect of the audit risks we identified in our audit plan, presented to the Audit Committee on 27 May 2014. We also set out the adjustments to the financial statements arising from our audit work and our findings in respect of internal controls.

## **Changes to Audit Plan**

We have not made any changes to our Audit Plan as previously communicated to you on 27 May 2014

## **Audit opinion**

We anticipate that we will provide the Council with an unmodified opinion. Our audit opinion is set out in Appendix A.



# Audit findings against significant risks

"Significant risks often relate to significant non-routine transactions and judgmental matters. Non-routine transactions are transactions that are unusual, either due to size or nature, and that therefore occur infrequently. Judgmental matters may include the development of accounting estimates for which there is significant measurement uncertainty" (ISA 315).

In this section we detail our response to the significant risks of material misstatement which we identified in the Audit Plan. As we noted in our plan, there are two presumed significant risks which are applicable to all audits under auditing standards.

	Risks identified in our audit plan	Work completed	Assurance gained and issues arising
1.	<p><b>Improper revenue recognition</b></p> <p>Under ISA 240 there is a presumed risk that revenue may be misstated due to improper recognition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and testing of revenue recognition policies</li> <li>• Testing of material revenue streams</li> <li>• Testing of unusual significant transactions</li> </ul>	<p>Our audit work has not identified any issues in respect of revenue recognition .</p>
2.	<p><b>Management override of controls</b></p> <p>Under ISA 240 there is a presumed risk of management over-ride of controls</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of accounting estimates, judgments and decisions made by management</li> <li>• Testing of journal entries</li> <li>• Review of unusual significant transactions</li> </ul>	<p>Our audit work has not identified any evidence of management override of controls. In particular, the findings of our review of journal controls and testing of journal entries has not identified any significant issues.</p> <p>We set out later in this section of the report our work and findings on key accounting estimates and judgments.</p>

# Audit findings against other risks

In this section we detail our response to the other risks of material misstatement which we identified in the Audit Plan.

Transaction cycle	Description of risk	Work completed	Assurance gained & issues arising
<b>Operating expenses</b>	Creditors understated or not recorded in the correct period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of system documentation and walkthrough of transaction</li> <li>• Agree creditors to the ledger</li> <li>• Review unusual amounts</li> <li>• Review of payments before and after year end to ensure that they are allocated to the correct year and correctly recognised</li> <li>• Test a sample of operating expenses</li> </ul>	Our audit work has not identified any significant issues in relation to the understatement of creditors or that operating expenses have been recorded in the wrong period.
<b>Employee remuneration</b>	Employee remuneration accrual understated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of system documentation and walkthrough of transaction</li> <li>• Predictive analytical review</li> <li>• Reconcile year end HMRC return to ledger</li> <li>• Review unusual amounts</li> <li>• Confirm accounts disclosures</li> <li>• Substantively test a sample of remuneration transactions</li> </ul>	We are still completing our work, but our audit work has not identified any significant issues in relation to the understatement of the employee remuneration accrual..
<b>Welfare expenditure</b>	Welfare benefit expenditure improperly computed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analytical review</li> <li>• Review the reconciliation of the housing benefit system to the general ledger</li> <li>• Agree the Housing Benefit claim to the accounts</li> <li>• Review of system documentation and walkthrough of transaction</li> <li>• Substantively test a sample of welfare claims</li> <li>• Verifying system parameters</li> </ul>	Our audit work has not identified any significant issues in relation to the computing of welfare benefit expenditure.




# Audit findings against other risks

In this section we detail our response to the other risks of material misstatement which we identified in the Audit Plan.

Transaction cycle	Description of risk	Work completed	Assurance gained & issues arising
<b>Property, plant &amp; equipment (PPE)</b>	Revaluation measurement not correct.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review the system documentation and walkthrough of a transaction</li> <li>▪ Reconcile Valuer's report to Fixed asset register</li> <li>▪ Substantive test of a sample of transactions contained within the asset register</li> </ul>	Our audit work has not identified any significant issues in relation to the valuation of Property, plant and Equipment.
<b>Property, plant &amp; equipment (PPE)</b>	Property, plant and Equipment.. activity not valid.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the accounting for assets under construction and the bringing into use of the newly built stock</li> <li>• Substantively test the accounting treatment for the valuation to ensure it has been correctly applied.</li> <li>• Review the treatment of the Council's green energy</li> </ul>	Our audit work has not identified any significant issues in relation to the analysis and capitalisation of Property, plant and Equipment.
<b>Housing Rent Revenue Account</b>	Housing revenue transactions not recorded.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Predictive analytical review of housing rent revenue</li> <li>▪ Review of control accounts and creation of tenancy</li> <li>▪ Review unusual amounts</li> </ul>	We are still completing our work, but our audit work has not identified any significant issues in relation to the recording of Housing .

# Accounting policies, estimates & judgements

In this section we report on our consideration of accounting policies, in particular revenue recognition policies, and key estimates and judgements made and included with the Council's financial statements.

Accounting area	Summary of policy	Comments	Assessment
<b>Revenue recognition</b>	Activity is accounted for in the year it takes place, not simply when cash payments are made or received.	We have no issues over the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriateness of policy under relevant accounting framework</li> <li>• Adequacy of disclosure of accounting policy</li> </ul>	 <b>Green</b>
<b>Judgements and estimates</b>	Management have disclosed their accounting policy, and disclosed key estimates and judgements around: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Asset valuations;</li> <li>– Depreciation;</li> <li>– Bad debt provisions; and</li> <li>– Pension fund valuations and settlements.</li> <li>– NDR provisions</li> </ul>	We have no issues over the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appropriateness of policies under relevant accounting framework</li> <li>• Extent of judgements involved</li> <li>• Adequacy of disclosure of accounting policies</li> </ul> <p>The Council's provision for NDR was calculated using a narrow assessment of the possible level of appeals. The provision assumes that appeals will result in one years repayment of overpaid NDR. We would consider some appeals would be back dated , and a wider estimate should be used. The current provision is £15k, we would estimate that this could be as much as £60k. The difference is not considered material.</p> <p>We would recommend that the Council considers the approach to valuation of NDR provisions.</p>	 <b>Green</b>
<b>Other accounting policies</b>	We have reviewed the Council's policies against the requirements of the CIPFA Code and accounting standards.	Our review of accounting policies did not identify any areas where the Council has not disclosed its policy appropriately.	 <b>Green</b>

## Assessment

 Marginal accounting policy which could potentially attract attention from regulators

 Accounting policy appropriate and disclosures sufficient

 Accounting policy appropriate but scope for improved disclosure

# Adjusted misstatements

A number of adjustments to the draft financial statements have been identified during the audit process. We are required to report all misstatements to those charged with governance, whether or not the financial statements have been adjusted by management. The table below summarises the adjustments arising from the audit which have been processed by management.

## Impact of adjusted misstatements

All adjusted misstatements are set out below along with the impact on the primary statements and the reported financial position.

Detail	Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account £'000	Balance Sheet £'000	Impact on total net expenditure £000
<b>1 Pension Liability accounting entries</b>			
• Pension Fund finance cost	£123		
• Actuarial (gains)/losses on pension assets/liabilities	-£123		
<b>2 Cash flow statement</b>			
• Adjustment for items in the net surplus or deficit on the provision of services that are investing or financing activities			
• Net cash flows from investing activities			
<b>Overall impact</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>

## Misclassifications & disclosure changes

In the course of our work we identified a few minor disclosure and presentational adjustments. These have been processed by the Council and the specific details do not need to be brought to the attention of the Audit Committee.

Adjustment type	Value £'000	Account balance	Impact on the financial statements
1 Disclosure	n/a	n/a	<p>The 2013 Code has included enhanced Pension Fund disclosures. The additional disclosures were not included in the draft financial statements.</p> <p>Additional disclosures for..... have been included in the updated Financial statements -</p>
2 Analysis of Liabilities	n/a	n/a	<p>The code requires the current and long term liability relating to loans to be shown separately on the face of the Balance sheet. The draft accounts included these amounts with general liabilities.</p> <p>The accounts have been amended to show the split of liabilities.</p>

## Other communication requirements

We set out below details of other matters which we are required by auditing standards to communicate to those charged with governance.

	Issue	Commentary
1.	<b>Matters in relation to fraud</b>	We have not been made aware of any other incidents in the period and no other issues have been identified during the course of our audit procedures.
2.	<b>Matters in relation to laws and regulations</b>	We are not aware of any significant incidences of non-compliance with relevant laws and regulations.
3.	<b>Written representations</b>	A standard letter of representation has been requested from the Council.
4.	<b>Disclosures</b>	Our review found no material omissions in the financial statements.
5.	<b>Matters in relation to related parties</b>	We are not aware of any related party transactions which have not been disclosed.
6.	<b>Going concern</b>	Our work has not identified any reason to challenge the Council's decision to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

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# Value for Money

## Value for money conclusion

The Code of Audit Practice 2010 (the Code) describes the Council's responsibilities to put in place proper arrangements to:

- secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources;
- ensure proper stewardship and governance; and
- review regularly the adequacy and effectiveness of these arrangements.

We are required to give our VFM conclusion based on two criteria specified by the Audit Commission which support our reporting responsibilities under the Code. These criteria are:

**The Council has proper arrangements in place for securing financial resilience** - the Council has robust systems and processes to manage effectively financial risks and opportunities, and to secure a stable financial position that enables it to continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

**The Council has proper arrangements for challenging how it secures economy, efficiency and effectiveness** - the Council is prioritising its resources within tighter budgets, for example by achieving cost reductions and by improving efficiency and productivity.

## Key findings

### Securing financial resilience

We have considered the Council's arrangements to secure financial resilience against the following themes:

- Key financial performance indicators
- Financial governance
- Financial planning
- Financial control

The Council reported a surplus on its provision of services of £42k for 2013/14. The budget, when set, incorporated identified savings of £606k. The Council continues to achieve challenging savings targets having achieved savings of £1.520k in the previous two financial years.

Usable reserves at 31 March 2014 were £8,303k, which is an increase on 31 March 2013 of £2,058k, so overall, the Council's financial position at the year end remains healthy. The Medium Term Financial Strategy, approved in October 2013, highlighted that the Council still requires savings of £2,045k in the four years to 2017/18. Monitoring of the Council's performance for the three months to June 2014 indicates that the projected 2014/15 out-turn will be a deficit of £227k, which is 2% of the Council's net budget.

The Council underspent £689k on the provision of its HRA services in 2013/14, which has been set aside to support the Council's stock modernisation programme.

The HRA reserves stood at £6,617k at 31 March 2014. The Council has a programme to bring its stock up to the decent homes standard by March 2015, and to continue its building of additional housing.

## Value for Money (continued)

### **Challenging economy, efficiency and effectiveness**

We have considered the Council's arrangements to challenge economy, efficiency and effectiveness against the following themes:

- Prioritising resources
- Improving efficiency & productivity

As identified last year, the Council has areas of spend, such as management support, leisure and waste management., that appear high in comparison with similar councils.

- the Council still maintains its own HRA and has in-house provision of leisure services. This leads to higher management support, compared to other councils;
- in-house provision of leisure services results in higher reported gross expenditure. This is offset, to a greater extent, by income from its leisure services which has increased by approximately £500k over the last four years. As a policy, the Council has prioritised its service provision in this area and that has resulted in above average gross expenditure per head of population.; and
- the Council brought its recycling service in-house, and has made the growth of recycling a priority for the District. Increasing recycling attracts additional income and recycling credits. The Council believes that its net spend is not out of line when compared to its neighbours. The council is currently at the higher partly explained by the provision of a free garden delivery waste service costs about £500k.

The Council is aware of these areas and is aware of the areas of high spend, and the compensating income gains. The council's finance team undertake various benchmarking exercises of its costs, for example. refuse recycling and leisure.

### **Overall VFM conclusion**

On the basis of our work, and having regard to the guidance on the specified criteria published by the Audit Commission, we are satisfied that in all significant respects the Council has put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ending 31 March 2014

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# Fees, non audit services and independence

We confirm below our final fees charged for the audit

## Fees

	Per Audit plan £	Actual fees £
Council audit	62,700	63,600
Grant certification	9,474	9,474
<b>Total audit fees</b>	<b>63,174</b>	<b>64,074</b>

## Fees for other services

Service	Fees £
None	n/a

The audit fees are set by the Audit Commission. As there is no longer a certification requirement in respect of business rates, there is a need for additional audit work on material business rates balances and the disclosures in the financial statements. The Audit Commission has approved a fee variation for this work, equivalent to 50% of the average cost by council type of LA01 certification in 2012/13. This amounted to an additional fee of £900 to cover the additional work required on business rates.

## Independence and ethics

We confirm that there are no significant facts or matters that impact on our independence as auditors that we are required or wish to draw to your attention. We have complied with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards and therefore we confirm that we are independent and are able to express an objective opinion on the financial statements.

We confirm that we have implemented policies and procedures to meet the requirements of the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards.

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# Communication of audit matters to those charged with governance

International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 260, as well as other ISAs, prescribe matters which we are required to communicate with those charged with governance, and which we set out in the table opposite.

The Audit Plan outlined our audit strategy and plan to deliver the audit, while this Audit Findings report presents the key issues and other matters arising from the audit, together with an explanation as to how these have been resolved.

## Respective responsibilities

The Audit Findings Report has been prepared in the context of the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and Audited Bodies issued by the Audit Commission ([www.audit-commission.gov.uk](http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk)).

We have been appointed as the Council's independent external auditors by the Audit Commission, the body responsible for appointing external auditors to local public bodies in England. As external auditors, we have a broad remit covering finance and governance matters.

Our annual work programme is set in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice ('the Code') issued by the Audit Commission and includes nationally prescribed and locally determined work. Our work considers the Council's key risks when reaching our conclusions under the Code.

It is the responsibility of the Council to ensure that proper arrangements are in place for the conduct of its business, and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for. We have considered how the Council is fulfilling these responsibilities.

	Audit Plan	Audit Findings
<b>Our communication plan</b>		
Respective responsibilities of auditor and management/those charged with governance	✓	
Overview of the planned scope and timing of the audit. Form, timing and expected general content of communications	✓	
Views about the qualitative aspects of the entity's accounting and financial reporting practices, significant matters and issues arising during the audit and written representations that have been sought		✓
Confirmation of independence and objectivity	✓	✓
A statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, relationships and other matters which might be thought to bear on independence Details of non-audit work performed by Grant Thornton UK LLP and network firms, together with fees charged Details of safeguards applied to threats to independence	✓	✓
Material weaknesses in internal control identified during the audit		✓
Identification or suspicion of fraud involving management and/or others which results in material misstatement of the financial statements		✓
Compliance with laws and regulations		✓
Expected auditor's report		✓
Uncorrected misstatements		✓
Significant matters arising in connection with related parties		✓
Significant matters in relation to going concern		✓

# Appendices

# Appendix A: Audit opinion

**Following the completion of our work we currently anticipate we will provide the Council with an unmodified audit report**

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF MID DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

### Opinion on the Authority financial statements

We have audited the financial statements of Mid Devon District Council for the year ended 31 March 2014 under the Audit Commission Act 1998. The financial statements comprise the Movement in Reserves Statement, the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement, the Housing Revenue Account Income and Expenditure Statement, the Movement on the Housing Revenue Account Statement and Collection Fund and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14.

This report is made solely to the members of Mid Devon District Council in accordance with Part II of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and for no other purpose, as set out in paragraph 48 of the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and Audited Bodies published by the Audit Commission in March 2010. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Authority and the Authority's Members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### Respective responsibilities of the Head of Finance and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Head of Finance's Responsibilities, the Head of Finance is responsible for the preparation of the Statement of Accounts, which includes the financial statements, in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom, and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Authority's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Head of Finance; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the explanatory foreword to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of Mid Devon District Council as at 31 March 2014 and of its expenditure and income for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14 and applicable law.

### Opinion on other matters

In our opinion, the information given in the explanatory foreword for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

### Matters on which we report by exception

We report to you if:

- in our opinion the annual governance statement does not reflect compliance with 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government: a Framework' published by CIPFA/SOLACE in June 2007;
- we issue a report in the public interest under section 8 of the Audit Commission Act 1998;
- we designate under section 11 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 any recommendation as one that requires the Authority to consider it at a public meeting and to decide what action to take in response; or
- we exercise any other special powers of the auditor under the Audit Commission Act 1998.

We have nothing to report in these respects.



**Conclusion on the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources**

**Respective responsibilities of the Authority and the auditor**

The Authority is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources, to ensure proper stewardship and governance, and to review regularly the adequacy and effectiveness of these arrangements.

We are required under Section 5 of the Audit Commission Act 1998 to satisfy ourselves that the Authority has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. The Code of Audit Practice issued by the Audit Commission requires us to report to you our conclusion relating to proper arrangements, having regard to relevant criteria specified by the Audit Commission.

We report if significant matters have come to our attention which prevent us from concluding that the Authority has put in place proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. We are not required to consider, nor have we considered, whether all aspects of the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources are operating effectively.

**Scope of the review of arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of resources**

We have undertaken our audit in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice, having regard to the guidance on the specified criteria, published by the Audit Commission in October 2013, as to whether the Authority has proper arrangements for:

- securing financial resilience; and
- challenging how it secures economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

The Audit Commission has determined these two criteria as those necessary for us to consider under the Code of Audit Practice in satisfying ourselves whether the Authority put in place proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2014.

We planned our work in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice. Based on our risk assessment, we undertook such work as we considered necessary to form a view on whether, in all significant respects, the Authority had put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

**Conclusion**

On the basis of our work, having regard to the guidance on the specified criteria published by the Audit Commission in October 2013, we are satisfied that, in all significant respects, *Mid Devon District Council* put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2014.

**Certificate**

We certify that we have completed the audit of the financial statements of Mid Devon District Council in accordance with the requirements of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Code of Audit Practice issued by the Audit Commission.

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