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**Governance and Audit
Committee**

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Subject: 2011/12 Annual Audit Letter

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Purpose / Summary:

The purpose of the report is to present the Annual Audit Letter to the Governance and Audit Committee.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Members note and receive the information contained within this report.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: None

Financial : None

Staffing : None

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :None

Risk Assessment : None

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities : None

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: None

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

Yes No

Key Decision:

Yes No

11 October 2012

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Dear Member

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West Lindsey District Council Annual Audit Letter 2011/12

I am pleased to submit my Annual Audit Letter which summarises my 2011/12 audit of West Lindsey District Council.

Financial statements

On 20 September 2012 I presented my Annual Governance Report (AGR) to the Governance & Audit Committee outlining the findings of my audit of the Authority's 2011/12 financial statements. I will not replicate those findings in this letter.

Following the Governance & Audit Committee, on 24 September 2012 I:

- issued an unqualified opinion on the Authority's 2011/12 financial statements included in the Authority's Statement of Accounts;
- concluded that you have made proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in your use of resources; and
- certified completion of the audit.

Closing remarks

I have discussed and agreed this letter with the Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer. I wish to thank the finance staff for their positive and constructive approach they have taken to my audit. I also wish to thank senior management and the Governance & Audit Committee for their support and co-operation during the audit.

Yours sincerely

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