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Dear Members

West Lindsey District Council - Housing Benefit subsidy claim for the year ended 31 March 2019 (Form MPF720A)

In lieu of the formal Grants and Returns Report, which is no longer a Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited or National Audit Office requirement I am writing to confirm the completion of 2018/19 grants assurance work we were engaged to carry out and to provide a short summary of our findings.

We were engaged by the Council to carry out the agreed upon procedures relating to the above claim required under the Department for Work and Pensions HBAP reporting framework instruction 2018/19. The total expenditure under the claim was £20.2m. We issued our report to the DWP and the Section 151 Officer on 21 November 2019, ahead of the 30 November 2019 deadline.

In our report we confirmed that the claim had been amended by £148 to correct errors identified during the work. No other exceptions needed to be brought to DWP's attention in our report and no recommendations for the council or control observations were raised.

The fee for the work was £6,100 plus VAT, which included £300 for additional work required as a result of matters identified during the engagement.

If you wish to discuss these or any other points then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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