

Clackmannanshire and Stirling Integration Joint Board

Annual Report to the Board and the Controller of
Audit for the period from 3 October 2015 to 31
March 2016

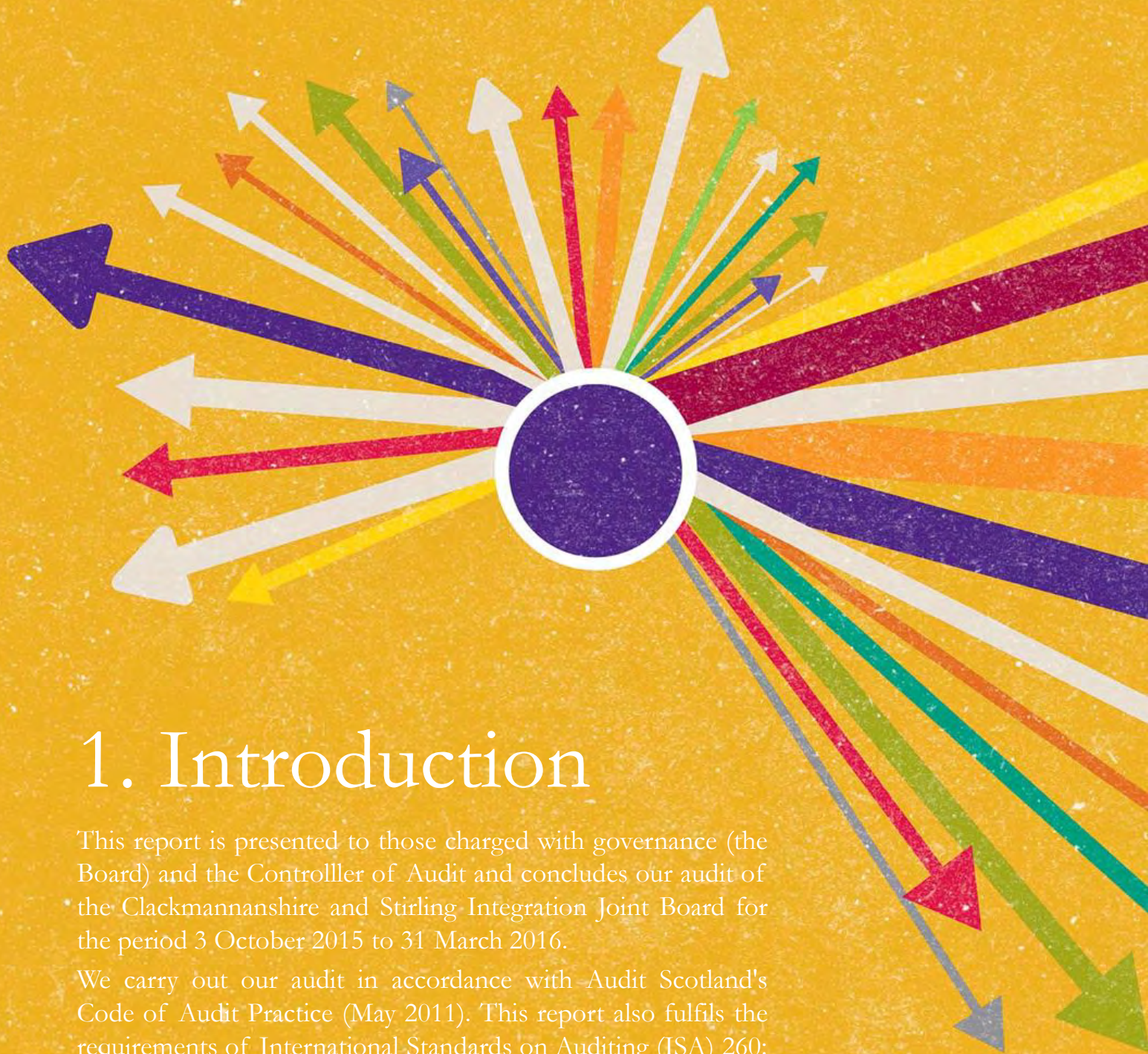
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1. Introduction

This report is presented to those charged with governance (the Board) and the Controller of Audit and concludes our audit of the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Integration Joint Board for the period 3 October 2015 to 31 March 2016.

We carry out our audit in accordance with Audit Scotland's Code of Audit Practice (May 2011). This report also fulfils the requirements of International Standards on Auditing (ISA) 260: Communication with those charged with governance.

1. Introduction

Purpose of this report

The Clackmannanshire and Stirling Integration Joint Board (the IJB), was legally established on 3rd October 2015 and functions were fully transferred to the IJB from 1st April 2016. October 2015 to March 2016 represented a shadow period for the organisation.

Grant Thornton were formally appointed as the external auditor for the IJB by Audit Scotland on 9 October 2015. The appointment is made under the Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000.

Our audit report is addressed to those charged with governance (the IJB Board) and the Controller of Audit. The report summarises our opinion and conclusions on significant issues arising from our audit. The scope of our audit work was set out in our Audit Plan, which was sent to the Chief Officer in May 2016 and shared with the IJB Board.

Integration Joint Board's responsibilities

The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 established a framework for integration Health and Social Care. A requirement of the Act was that Integration Joint Board should be operational by 1 April 2016.

The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 requires IJB's to:

- prepare financial statements which give a true and fair view of the financial position of Clackmannanshire and Stirling Integration Joint Board and its income and expenditure for the period to 31 March 2016
- maintain proper accounting records which are up to date
- take steps to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

The IJB is also responsible for establishing proper arrangements to ensure that:

- public business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards
- public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for
- economy, efficiency, effectiveness and Best Value is achieved in the use of resources.

Our responsibilities

We are required to conduct an audit of the IJB in line with our appointment under the Audit Scotland Code of Practice (the Code). The Code requires that we undertake our audit in accordance with:

- relevant legislation the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014
- Statements of auditing standards and applicable Practice Notes issues by the Auditing Practices Board
- The CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting (the CIPFA Code)
- other guidance issued by Audit Scotland

We are required to audit the financial statements and give an opinion as to whether:

- they give a true and fair view of the financial position of the IJB
- the Annual Governance Statement is compliant with relevant guidance
- the part of the remuneration report subject to audit has been properly prepared in accordance with the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014.



2. ISA260 Requirements: Financial Statements

Introduction

Within this section of the report, we present our audit findings to management and those charged with governance in accordance with the requirements of International Standard on Auditing (UK & Ireland) (ISA) 260.

We have not had to alter or change our audit approach, which we set out in our audit plan sent to the Chief Officer and shared with the IJB Board in May 2016.

Our Review of the Financial Statements

The draft financial statements of Clackmannanshire and Stirling IJB were provided in July 2016 along with supporting working papers for the small number of transactions that have taken place.

Our audit did not identify any numerical errors or misstatements. We did however request a number of minor disclosure changes to bring the financial statements in line with Code requirements.

Financial Statements Opinion

We have issued an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of the Clackmannanshire and Stirling IJB for the period ended 31 March 2016.

Local Authority Code of Practice training

Looking forward, with 16/17 being the first full year of reporting IJB income and expenditure under the Local Authority Accounting Code of Practice it may be beneficial to have local authority accounts training, as the accounting can be different in nature for some items in the accounts and this could help make the year end financial statement process smoother in future years.

Action plan point 2

Remuneration Report

The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 require IJB's in Scotland to prepare a Remuneration Report as part of the annual financial statements.

The IJB does not directly employ staff, all officers are employed through NHS Forth Valley, Clackmannanshire Council or Stirling Council. The Remuneration report contained information on the IJB's Chief Officers remuneration.

No misstatement or consistency issues were identified from our audit of the IJB's remuneration report.

Related Parties

We are not aware of any related party transactions which have not been disclosed.

Annual Governance Statement

We did identify any instances of non-compliance with the Code in relation to Clackmannanshire and Stirling IJB's Annual Governance Statement.

Unaudited financial statements being publically available

We note that these were uploaded on 1st July 2016, missing the statutory deadline of 30th June 2016.

Action plan point 1

Scope of the audit and application of materiality

Our audit plan set out our risk based approach to the audit of the financial statements. We consider the inherent audit risks to the Clackmannanshire and Stirling IJB and how these may result in a material misstatement in the accounts. At the planning stage we identified two areas with increased risk of material misstatement as outlined on page 7.

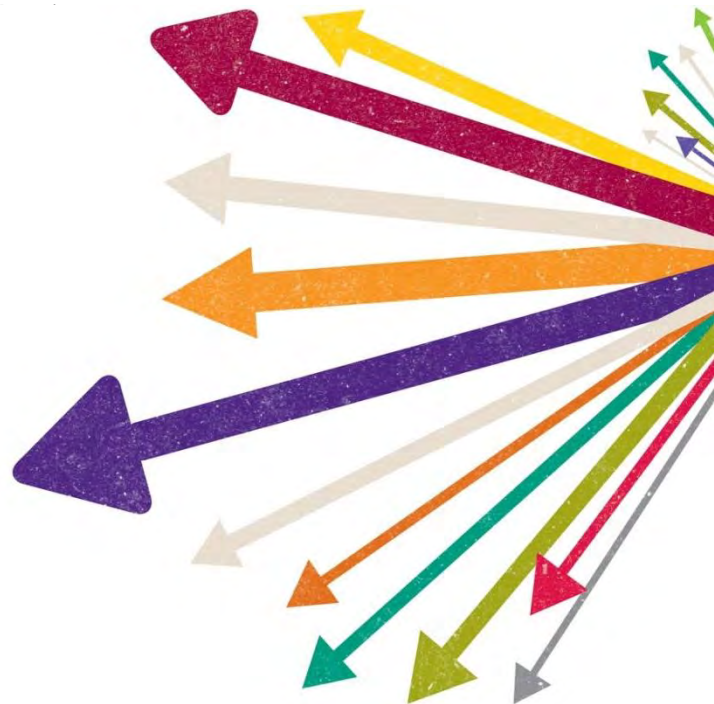
In performing our audit, we apply the concept of materiality, following the requirements of ISA 320: Materiality in planning and performing an audit. The assessment and application of materiality is a matter of auditor judgement. Overall materiality has been set at 2% of gross expenditure at £1,600.

ISA 320 also sets out a requirement to consider performance materiality, which aims to reduce the possibility of uncorrected misstatements exceeding materiality and is set at £1,200.

Performance materiality is used to drive the level of audit testing conducted, however given the small number of transactions in period, we have conducted a fully substantive approach and tested all in period transactions.

In line with ISA 360, we reported in our audit plan an amount below which misstatement would be clearly trivial and would not be reported to the IJB. We have defined this amount to be £80 for the IJB.

ISA 360 also requires the auditor to determine areas where account disclosures for which misstatements lower than materiality could influence economic decisions of users. We identified that related party transaction disclosures of senior management salaries and allowances would fall into this category.



Audit findings against significant risks

Set out below is our response to the significant risks of material misstatement identified in the Audit Plan. There are two presumed significant risks which are presumed risks to all audits under auditing standards.:

Risks identified in our Audit Plan	Work completed	Assurances and issues arising
<p>1 Management override of controls</p> <p>Under ISA 240 there is a presumed risk that the risk of management over-ride of controls is present in all entities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of accounting estimates, judgments and decisions made by management Testing of journal entries – very small number given the shadow period Review of unusual significant transactions - none were noted 	<p>Our audit work has not identified any evidence of management override of controls.</p>
<p>2 The revenue cycle includes fraudulent transactions</p> <p>Under ISA 240 there is a presumed risk that revenue may be misstated due to the improper recognition of revenue.</p> <p>This presumption can be rebutted if the auditor concludes that there is no risk of material misstatement due to fraud relating to revenue recognition.</p>	<p>Having considered the risk factors set out in ISA240 and the nature of the revenue streams at the IJB, we have determined that the risk of fraud arising from revenue recognition can be rebutted because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is little incentive to manipulate revenue recognition The only source of revenue will be partner contributions to cover costs incurred in the six month period from 3 October 2015 to 31 March 2016. Levels of expenditure will be very low in this period and any attempt to manipulate would be easily identified. due to low volume of activity during the six month period to 31 March 2016, there is limited opportunity to manipulate revenue. 	<p>Our audit work on Clackmannanshire and Stirling IJB confirmed that revenue had been recognised appropriately in the financial statements.</p>

Source: External Audit Plan



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 (UK&I) 315).

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Appendix A: Action plan

Issue and risk	Priority	Agreed action
<p>1 Unaudited financial statements made publically available late</p> <p>The financial statements were not uploaded until 1 July 2016, after the 30 June deadline.</p> <p>Risk</p> <p>There is a risk that the Integration Joint Board is not complying with statutory deadlines.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>We recommend that arrangements are in place to ensure full compliance with statutory deadlines..</p> <p>Management response:</p> <p>A full annual accounts plan and timetable will be established for 2017/18 to ensure workload and key interfaces across constituent bodies is planned and statutory deadlines are met.</p> <p><i>Responsible officer: Chief Finance Officer</i> <i>Target Date: 31 January 2017</i></p>
<p>2 Local Government training</p> <p>Looking forward, with 16/17 being the first full year of reporting IJB income and expenditure under the Local Authority Accounting Code of Practice it may be beneficial to have local authority accounts training, as the accounting can be different in nature for some items in the accounts and this could help make the year end financial statement process smoother in future years.</p> <p>Risk</p> <p>There is a risk that the Financial Statements are not correctly prepared in line with the Local Authority Accounting Code of Practice.</p>	<p>Low</p>	<p>We recommend that consideration is given to the provision of Local Authority training to key finance staff.</p> <p>Management response:</p> <p>Consideration of training requirements will be incorporated in annual accounts planning.</p> <p><i>Responsible officer: Chief Finance Officer</i> <i>Target Date: 31 January 2017</i></p>

Appendix B - Fees, non audit services and independence

We confirm below our final fees charged for the audit and confirm there were no fees for the provision of non audit services.

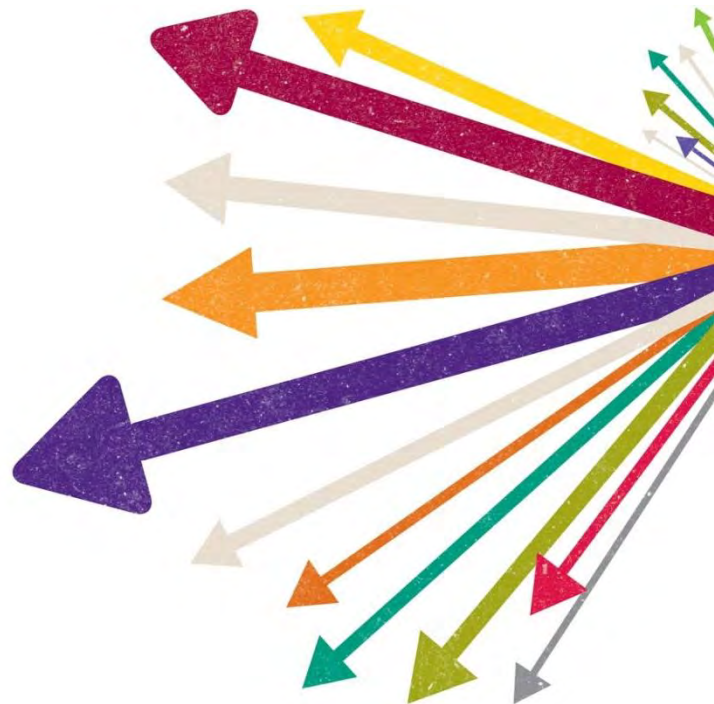
Fees

	Per Audit plan £	Actual fees £
Clackmannanshire and Stirling Integrated Joint Board	5,125	5,125
Total audit fees	5,125	5,125

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 Practice Board's Ethical Standards.



Appendix C – Audit Opinion

Independent Auditor’s report to the members of Clackmannanshire and Stirling Integration Joint Board and the Accounts Commission for Scotland

We certify that we have audited the financial statements of Clackmannanshire and Stirling Integration Joint Board for the period ended 31 March 2016 under Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973. The financial statements comprise the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union, and as interpreted and adapted by the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2015/16 (the 2015/16 Code).

This report is made solely to the parties to whom it is addressed in accordance with Part VII of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and for no other purpose. In accordance with paragraph 125 of the Code of Audit Practice approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland, We do not undertake to have responsibilities to members or officers, in their individual capacities, or to third parties.

Respective responsibilities of the Chief Finance Officer and auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities for the Annual Accounts, the Chief Finance Officer is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements 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) as required by the Code of Audit Practice approved by the Accounts Commission for Scotland. 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 circumstances of the body and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Chief Finance Officer, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, We read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual accounts 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 in accordance with applicable law and the 2015/16 Code of the state of the affairs of the body as at 31 March 2016 and of the income and expenditure of the body for the period then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with IFRSs as adopted by the European Union, as interpreted and adapted by the 2015/16 Code; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014, and the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.

Opinion on other prescribed matters

In our opinion:

- the part of the Remuneration Report to be audited has been properly prepared in accordance with The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014; and
- the information given in the Management Commentary for the financial period for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

Appendix C – Audit Opinion (continued)

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements and the part of the Remuneration Report to be audited are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- We have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Annual Governance Statement has not been prepared in accordance with Delivering Good Governance in Local Government; or
- there has been a failure to achieve a prescribed financial objective.

We have nothing to report in respect of these matters.

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Appendix D – Letter of Representation

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Dear Sirs

Clackmannanshire and Stirling Integration Joint Board
Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2016

This representation letter is provided in connection with the audit of the financial statements of the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Integration Joint Board for the period ended 31 March 2016 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves:

Financial Statements

1. We have fulfilled our responsibilities for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in Great Britain ("the Code") as adapted for International Financial Reporting Standards; in particular the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance therewith.
2. We have complied with the requirements of all statutory directions and these matters have been appropriately reflected and disclosed in the financial statements.
3. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
4. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
5. We are satisfied that the material judgements used by us in the preparation of the financial statements are soundly based, in accordance with the Code, and adequately disclosed in the financial statements. There are no further material judgements that need to be disclosed.
6. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards and the code.
7. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which International Financial Reporting Standards and the code requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
8. We have not adjusted the misstatements brought to our attention in the Annual Audit Report, which are considered to be immaterial to the results of the Board and its financial position at the period-end. The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.

Information provided

9. We have provided you with:
 - access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements such as records, documentation and other matters;
 - additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of your audit; and
 - unrestricted access to persons within the Board from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

Appendix D – Letter of Representation (continued)

10. We have communicated to you all deficiencies in internal control of which management is aware.
11. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
12. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
13. We have disclosed to you all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects the Board and involves:
 - management;
 - employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
14. We have disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the Board’s financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators or others.
15. We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
16. We have disclosed to you the entity of the Board's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

Annual Governance Statement

17. We are satisfied that the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) fairly reflects the Board's risk assurance and governance framework and we confirm that we are not aware of any significant risks that are not disclosed within the AGS

Approval

The approval of this letter of representation was minuted by the Board’s Audit Committee at its meeting on 1 September 2016.

Signed on behalf of the Board

Name.....

Position.....

Date.....



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