

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF NEWBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Opinion on the Statement of Accounts

We have audited the Statement of Accounts of Newbury Town Council for the year ended 31 March 2010 under the Audit Commission Act 1998. The Statement of Accounts comprises the Income and Expenditure Account, the Statement of Movement of Reserves, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses and the related notes. The Statement of Accounts has been prepared under the accounting policies set out in the Statement of Accounting Policies.

This report is made solely to Newbury Town Council, as a body, in accordance with Part II of the Audit Commission Act 1998. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to Newbury Town Council, as a body, those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Newbury Town Council, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the Responsible Financial Officer and auditors

The Responsible Financial Officer's responsibilities for preparing the Statement of Accounts in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), are set out in the Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts.

Our responsibility is to audit the Statement of Accounts in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the Statement of Accounts gives a true and fair view, in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008).

We review whether the governance statement reflects compliance with 'Governance and Accountability for Local Councils: A Practitioners' Guide (England) 2010' published by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) in 2010. We report if it does not comply with proper practices specified by NALC or if the statement is misleading or inconsistent with other information we are aware of from our audit of the Statement of Accounts. We are not required to consider, nor have we considered, whether the governance statement covers all risks and controls. Neither are we required to form an opinion on the effectiveness of the Authority's corporate governance procedures or its risk and control procedures

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Audit Commission Act 1998, the Code of Audit Practice issued by the Audit Commission and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board.

An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the Statement of Accounts. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgments made by the Authority in the preparation of the Statement of Accounts, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Authority's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the Statement of Accounts are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the Statement of Accounts.

Opinion

In our opinion the Statement of Accounts give a true and fair view, in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008), of the financial position of the Authority as at 31 March 2010 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.



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CONCLUSION ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECURING ECONOMY, EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS IN THE USE OF RESOURCES

Authority's Responsibilities

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 regularly to review the adequacy and effectiveness of these arrangements.

Auditor's Responsibilities

We are required by the Audit Commission Act 1998 to be satisfied that proper arrangements have been made by the Authority 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 in relation to proper arrangements, having regard to relevant criteria specified by the Audit Commission for other local government bodies and published in January 2009.. We report if significant matters have come to our attention which prevent us from concluding that the Authority has made such proper arrangements. 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.

Conclusion

We have undertaken our audit in accordance with the Code of Audit Practice. Having regard to the criteria for other local government bodies specified by the Audit Commission and published in January 2009, and the supporting guidance, we are satisfied that, in all significant respects, Newbury Town Council made proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ending 31 March 2010.

CERTIFICATE

We certify that we have completed the audit of the accounts 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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