

**Opinion of the Head of Internal Audit**

I have evaluated the results of the audit and fraud work undertaken during the 2012/13 year. In my opinion the council's internal controls provide **Substantial Assurance**. The council can therefore continue to place reliance on the adequacy and effectiveness of its systems of internal control and the overall control environment.

Signed

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