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Dear Member

— **Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority - Annual Audit Letter 2011/12**

I am pleased to submit my Annual Audit Letter which summarises my 2011/12 audit of Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority.

On 24 September 2012 I presented my Annual Governance Report to the Governance 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 that meeting, on 26 September 2012 I:

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

I have not been required to exercise any of my formal duties under the Audit Commission Act 1998

I have discussed and agreed this letter with the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Financial Officer. I would like to take this opportunity to thank staff, senior management and those charged with governance for their support and co-operation during the audit.

Yours sincerely

Steve Nicklin
District Auditor

