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Date: 19th October 2011

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Dear Mr Sharman,

Draft Letter of Representation
Slough Borough Council - Audit for the year ended 31st March 2011

I confirm to the best of my knowledge and belief, having made appropriate enquiries of other officers, of Slough Borough Council, the following representations given to you in connection with your audit of the Council's financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2011.

All representations cover the Council's Accounts and Group Accounts included within the financial statements.

Compliance with the statutory authorities

I have fulfilled my responsibility under the relevant statutory authorities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the Code of Practice for Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom which give a true and fair view of the financial position and financial performance of the Council, for the completeness of the information provided to you, and for making accurate representations to you.

Uncorrected misstatements

The effect of uncorrected misstatement in the financial statements is not material to the financial statements, either individually or in aggregate.

Supporting records

All relevant information and access to persons within the entity has been made available to you for the purpose of your audit, and all the transactions undertaken by the Council have been properly reflected and recorded in the financial statements.

Irregularities

I acknowledge my responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud or error.

I also confirm that I have disclosed:

- my knowledge of fraud, or suspected fraud, involving either management, employees who have significant roles in internal control or others where fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements;

- my knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others; and
- the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.

Law, regulations, contractual arrangements and codes of practice

I have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance, or suspected non-compliance with laws, regulations and codes of practice, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.

Transactions and events have been carried out in accordance with law, regulation or other authority. The Council has complied with all aspects of contractual arrangements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance.

All known actual or possible litigation and claims, whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements, have been disclosed to the auditor and accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

Accounting estimates including fair values

I confirm the reasonableness of the significant assumptions used in making the accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value.

Related party transactions

I confirm that I have disclosed the identity of Slough Borough Council related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which I am aware. I have appropriately accounted for and disclosed such relationships and transactions in accordance with the requirement of the framework.

Subsequent events

All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements, which would require additional adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements, have been adjusted or disclosed.

Specific representations

The Council has not adjusted an amount of £780k being the brought forward deferred liability for amortised rents no longer required under IFRS. I have agreed with you that this adjustment will instead be made in the 2011-12 accounting period.

The Council's written response to the section 11 exception reports will be provided for the Council meeting.

Signed on behalf of Slough Borough Council

I confirm that the contents of this letter were discussed and agreed by the Council on 19th October 2011.

Signed:

Name: Julie Evans

Position: Strategic Director, Resources & Regeneration

Date: