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— Dear William

### **Late Opinion – SODC 2007/08 Financial Statements**

I am writing in response to your letter dated 11 September. I understand the points raised in your letter and I am satisfied that the approach suggested is an acceptable way forward. I confirm, therefore that I agree with the proposal for a late opinion on the above statements. I also confirm that your timetable is acceptable to us. The agreement for a late opinion is subject to the revised timescales being met. Should further delays occur I will need to re-assess the situation.

I have asked Anne Ockleston to develop a project plan to underpin your timetable setting out the key milestones from the audit perspective. Anne has completed this and will share this with you and your staff. Anne and the team will continue to work closely with Council officers to ensure we are as supportive as possible throughout this process.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you want to discuss this or any other matter.

Yours sincerely

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*District Auditor*

**cc** Matt Prosser  
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