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Dear Member

— South Oxfordshire District Council Annual Audit Letter 2011/12

I am pleased to submit my Annual Audit Letter which summarises my 2011/12 audit of South Oxfordshire District Council.

Financial statements

On 27 September 2012 I presented my Annual Governance Report (AGR) to the Audit and Corporate 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 the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee meeting, on 28 September 2012 I:

- issued an unqualified opinion on the Authority's 2011/12 financial statements included in the Authority's Statement of Accounts;
- concluded that there are no matters arising from my value for money work that I need to report; and
- certified completion of the audit.

Fees

In my AGR I explained the need for an additional audit fee due to the issues highlighted in the report. I set out below the revision to the audit fee agreed with the Strategic Director.

Table 1 Fees (this does not include the £8,446 rebate paid by the Audit Commission)

	Planned fee 2011/12 (£)	Actual fee 2011/12 (£)
Audit	105,580	107,680
Claims and returns	33,300	30,000
Total	138,880	137,680

Closing remarks

I have discussed and agreed this letter with the Chief Executive and Strategic Director. I wish to thank the finance staff for their positive and constructive approach they have taken to my audit. I also wish to thank senior management and the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee for their support and co-operation during the audit.

Yours sincerely

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District Auditor