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Your ref:
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Date: 29 September 2014

Dear Karen

Lancashire County Council

Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2014

This representation letter is provided in connection with the audit of the financial statements of **Lancashire County Council** for the year ended 31 March 2014 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial transactions during the year ended 31 March 2014, and of the amount and disposition at that date of its assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and the CIPFA/LASAAC code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2013/14 (the Code).

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief having made such enquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves:

Financial Statements

- i We have complied with the requirements of all statutory directions and these matters have been appropriately reflected and disclosed in the financial statements.
- ii Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- iii We are satisfied that the material judgements used by us in the preparation of the financial statements are soundly based, in accordance with the Code, and adequately disclosed in the financial statements. There are no further material judgements that need to be disclosed.

- iv We confirm that we are satisfied that the actuarial assumptions underlying the valuation of pension scheme liabilities for IAS19 disclosures are consistent with our knowledge. We confirm that all settlements and curtailments have been identified and properly accounted for. We also confirm that all significant retirement benefits have been identified and properly accounted for (including any arrangements that are statutory, contractual or implicit in the employer's actions, that arise in the UK or overseas, that are funded or unfunded).
- v Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards and the code.
- vi All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements of which we are aware and for which International Financial Reporting Standards and the code requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- vii We have not adjusted the misstatements brought to our attention in the Audit Findings report, which are considered to be immaterial to the results of the Council and its financial position at the year-end. The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.
- viii We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.

Information Provided

- ix We have communicated to you all deficiencies in internal control of which management is aware, including all items raised within the Annual Counter Fraud report, the Chief Internal Auditors Annual Report and the Annual Governance Statement.
- x All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- xi We have disclosed to you the entity of the Council's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

Annual Governance Statement

- xii We are satisfied that the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) fairly reflects the Council's risk assurance and governance framework and we confirm that we are not aware of any significant risks that are not disclosed within the AGS

Approval

The approval of this letter of representation was minuted by the Council's Audit & Governance Committee at its meeting on **29th September 2014**.

Signed on behalf of the Council

Gill Kilpatrick

County Treasurer

29th September 2014

County Councillor Terry Brown

Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee

29th September 2014

