

ACCOUNTS AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

16 OCTOBER 2012

- Present :-* Councillor Dennis Willetts (Chairman)
Councillors Glenn Granger, Scott Greenhill,
Theresa Higgins, Jon Manning and Gerard Oxford
- Substitute Members :-* Councillor Helen Chuah for Councillor Ray Gamble
Councillor Jackie Maclean for Councillor Marcus
Harrington
Councillor Nigel Offen for Councillor Julia Havis
Councillor Michael Lilley for Councillor Cyril Liddy
- Also in Attendance :-* Councillor Marcus Harrington
Councillor Lyn Barton
Councillor Annie Feltham
Councillor Paul Smith
Councillor Barrie Cook
Councillor Nick Barlow
Councillor Mary Blandon
Councillor Tina Bourne
Councillor Beverly Davies
Councillor Pauline Hazell
Councillor Sonia Lewis
Councillor Sue Lissimore
Councillor Colin Sykes
Councillor Laura Sykes
Councillor Will Quince
Councillor Anne Turrell

14. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2012 was confirmed as a correct record.

15. Annual Statement of Accounts 2011/12

Mr. Steve Heath, Finance Manager, presented the report, saying the issues raised during the audit have been discussed with the Auditor and satisfactorily dealt with. The Auditor issued an unqualified opinion on 26 September 2012, and the audited accounts were published on the Council's website on 27 September 2012.

RESOLVED that the Committee noted the publication of the audited Statement of Accounts for 2011/12.

16. Annual Audit Letter

Mr. Heath presented the Annual Audit Letter, a briefer document than previous years, in which the Audit Commission issued an unqualified opinion on the Colchester's 2011/12 financial statements included in the Statement of Accounts. The certification completed the audit process.

Councillor Offen supported by Councillor Willetts congratulated officers on their work and support in ensuring a timely and accurate completion of the closure of the accounts.

RESOLVED that the Committee noted the contents of the 2011/12 Annual Audit Letter.