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Dear Sir,

# Representations Regarding the 2013/14 Financial Statements

This letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the Clwyd Pension Fund for the year ended 31 March 2014 for the purpose of expressing an opinion on their truth and fairness and their proper preparation.

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made enquiries as we consider sufficient, we can make the following representations to you.

## **Management Representations**

## Responsibilities

We have fulfilled our responsibilities for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with legislative requirements and the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom; in particular the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance therewith.

We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation, maintenance and review of internal control to prevent and detect fraud and error.



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# **Information Provided**

We have provided you with:

- Full access to:
  - all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements such as books of account and supporting documentation, minutes of meetings and other matters;
  - additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and
  - unrestricted access to staff from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- The identity of all related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- The results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- In the period relating to this audit we do not have any knowledge of the following:
  - fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects Clwyd Pension Fund and involves management; employees who have significant roles in internal control; or others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements
  - any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators or others.
  - known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

# **Financial Statement Representations**

All transactions, assets and liabilities have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.

Significant assumptions used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.

Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed.

All events occurring subsequent to the reporting date which require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted for or disclosed.

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.

The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions. The effects of uncorrected misstatements identified during the audit are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

In terms of the recommendations made in the audit report:

- **1.** Consideration will be given on how to strengthen the process for estimating the accrual for the lump sum and death benefit liabilities.
- 2. Improving the process for the flow of member information from employers to the administering authority is included in the Clwyd Pension Fund Service Plan 2014/15 and progress will be monitored by the Clwyd Pension Fund Committee.

## **Representations by Flintshire County Council**

We acknowledge that the representations made by management, above, have been discussed with us.

We acknowledge our responsibility for the preparation of true and fair financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. The financial statements were approved by Flintshire County Council on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

We confirm that we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that it has been communicated to you. We confirm that, as far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which you are unaware.

Signed by:

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Gary Ferguson Corporate Finance Manager (Chief Finance Officer) Glenys Diskin Chair to the Council

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014

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