



Ryedale District Council

External Audit Progress Report

September 2013

Summary of activity

We are pleased to present our progress report to the Audit and Governance Committee. This summarises the activities that we have completed since our report in June 2013.

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Audit completion

Between mid July and mid September our audit team was on site undertaking our main audit work and review of the 2012/13 Statement of Accounts.

Our detailed report on the 2013 audit is presented separately and the audit report will be signed by 30 September 2013.

Value for Money (“VFM”)

The majority of this work is complete, the outcome of which is included in our report on the 2013 audit. At the time of writing this report, there was a meeting scheduled for September and we will await the outcome of that budget monitoring meeting before finalising our VFM conclusion.

Whole of Government Accounts

For 2012/13, a de minimus has been applied to this work and we were only required to verify the Council's pension liability and plant, property and equipment assets rather than every entry on the return. This will be done by 30 September 2013, ahead of the 4 October deadline.

Certification of claims and returns

The National Non-domestic Rates return work has been completed and will be certified and submitted by the deadline of 27 September 2013.

The Housing and Council Tax benefit subsidy claim is in the process of being reviewed and a few elements of further testing are required. This claim will be certified and submitted by the deadline of 30 November 2013.

Other matters

Our Annual Audit letter will be issued to the s151 officer signed by the deadline of 31 October 2013.

One online data survey concerning the 2012/13 Statement of Accounts will be completed and submitted by the deadline of 14 October 2013.

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