

Ryedale District Council

External Audit Progress Report

December 2013

Summary of activity

We are pleased to present our progress report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This summarises the activities that we have completed since our report in September 2013.

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Audit completion

The audit and VFM opinions were signed on 27 September 2013.

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 was done on 27 September 2013.

Annual audit letter

We submitted our annual audit letter on 28 October 2013 and a copy of this report is presented separately at this meeting.

Certification of claims and returns

All claims and returns have now been certified and submitted. Our annual report on this work will be presented at the next meeting. As in previous years, the housing and council tax benefit subsidy claim was qualified for minor errors, as are 80% of the claims in the UK.

Other matters

During October we kept a watching brief over the planning matter giving rise to the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 21 October 2013. The Corporate Director and Monitoring Officer issued appropriate reports and we did not consider it necessary to issue a formal report ourselves.

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