



Homes &
Communities
Agency

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BY EMAIL ONLY

9th June 2015

Dear Cllr Cowling,

2014 COMPLIANCE AUDIT PROGRAMME

As you will be aware, a compliance audit assessment has recently been undertaken on a sample of HCA funded schemes delivered via the following partnership:

Ryedale District Council / 12186

The general purpose of the compliance audit exercise is to carry out a comprehensive review of a sample of HCA funded schemes to validate adherence to the HCA guidelines as set out in the Capital Funding Guide and any other supplementary compliance audit criteria.

As the grant recipient you are responsible for using grant for the purposes stated in the relevant grant agreements; maintaining proper records complying with the HCA's terms and conditions of grant and providing relevant information to the HCA in accordance with the requirements of the grant conditions.

We use the audit findings (which are confidential between the HCA, independent auditor and the grant recipient) to inform our future investment decisions and to reassure the HCA chief accounting officer that public funds have been properly used.

To make the compliance audit process fully transparent we address, when necessary, the findings raised by the independent auditor as procedural breaches and these are listed in the relevant appendix within the attached HCA audit report.

A copy of the HCA compliance audit report is attached. Please draw your committee's attention to this report at the earliest opportunity and sign and return the enclosed copy. If there are breaches please provide a detailed response within 10 working days of receipt of this letter, indicating the action you intend to take.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Forman
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cc. Kim Robertshaw, Housing Services Manager, Ryedale District Council
Janet Waggott, Chief Executive, Ryedale District Council