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**Letter of Clarification to be read in conjunction with the External Auditor's Report on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

Following the issuing of our External Auditor Report and Certificate (Section 3) of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2025, you have provided information in relation to the matters reported by us, which shows our report contained inaccurate information.

Moore are not able to re-open a review once it has been certified, nor can we revise the report once it has been issued. We therefore provide the following clarifications which may be published with the External Auditor Report and Certificate 2024/25:

In respect of the following statement within 'Other matters':

*"As part of our intermediate testing, we requested information showing the review of documents including Financial Regulations, Standing Orders and their Code of Conduct. The council were able to evidence that these documents are regularly reviewed. However, as noted within the council's Code of Conduct, it states that the model code is to be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that it is fit for purpose therefore the council should look to document this review within their minutes during each financial year."*

We acknowledge that the Code adopted by the council refers to the LGA's commitment to review the model Code of Conduct on an annual basis. We also recognise that the version adopted by the council is the standard model code, and that you have appropriately notified the Principal Authority's Monitoring Officer that this standard format has been adopted.

In light of this, we feel it is appropriate to expand on our previously provided 'Other matters' to reflect that the model code is reviewed annually by the LGA rather than the council. Therefore, our suggestion is that the council records when it performs its check for any updates to the model code each financial year, simply to demonstrate compliance and good governance practice.

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Yours sincerely

Moore Smaller Authorities Team