

**Management Representation Letter**

To: John Gregory  
Audit Commission  
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**West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority – Audit for the year ended 31 March 2012**

I confirm to the best of my knowledge and belief, having made appropriate enquiries of other officers, the following representations given to you in connection with your audit of the Fire Authority's financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2012. All representations cover the Authority's accounts and Pension Fund accounts included within the financial statements.

***Compliance with the statutory authorities***

I have fulfilled my responsibility under the relevant statutory authorities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the Code of Practice for Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom which give a true and fair view of the financial position and financial performance of the Authority for the completeness of the information provided to you and for making accurate representations to you.

***Supporting records***

All relevant information and access to persons within the Authority have been made available to you for the purpose of your audit and all the transactions undertaken by the Authority have been properly reflected and recorded in the financial statements.

***Irregularities***

I acknowledge my responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud or error.

I also confirm that I have disclosed:

- my knowledge of fraud, or suspected fraud, involving either management, employees who have significant roles in internal control or others where fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements;

- my knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others; and
- the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.

***Law, regulations, contractual arrangements and codes of practice***

I have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance, or suspected non-compliance with laws, regulations and codes of practice, whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.

Transactions and events have been carried out in accordance with law, regulation or other authority. The Fire Authority has complied with all aspects of contractual arrangements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance.

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.

***Accounting estimates including fair values***

I confirm the reasonableness of the significant assumptions used in making the accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value.

***Related party transactions***

I confirm that I have disclosed the identity of West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which I am aware. I have appropriately accounted for and disclosed such relationships and transactions in accordance with the requirement of the framework.

***Subsequent events***

All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements, which would require additional adjustment or disclosure in the financial statements, have been adjusted or disclosed.

***Comparative financial statements***

A restatement was made, as outlined in note 8.5 to the accounts, to correct a material misstatement in the prior period financial statements. Written representations previously made in respect of the prior period remain appropriate.

