

Section 3 – External auditor's certificate and opinion

Certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2010 of

NORTAMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Respective responsibilities of the council and the auditor

The council is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The council is also responsible for preparing an annual return which:

- summarises the council accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2010; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are important to our audit responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to conduct an audit in accordance with guidance issued by the Audit Commission and, on the basis of our review of the annual return and supporting information, to report whether any matters that come to our attention give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

External auditor's report

On the basis of our review, in our opinion the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with the Audit Commission's requirements and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the council/meeting:

Please ensure that the Annual Return is fully and accurately completed before submission for audit:

- comparative in Section 1, Box 8 should be £92,106 to agree to the prior year audited Annual Return.
- incorrect figures in Section 1, Boxes 1 and 6 due to inappropriate treatment of prior year unrepresented cheque written back - Box 1 should be £92,106 and Box 6 should be reduced by the amount of the cheque written back to £28,095.

External auditor's signature:

Mazars LLP

External auditor's name:

Mazars LLP, Southampton, SO15 2BE

Date:

9 August 2010

Note: The auditor signing this page has been appointed by the Audit Commission and is reporting to you that they have carried out and completed all the work that is required of them by law. For further information please refer to the Audit Commission's publication entitled *Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and of Audited Small Bodies*.