

# Section 3 – External auditor certificate and opinion 2012/13

## Certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2013 of

MADELEY ENTERPRISE 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 prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2013; 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 report

(Except for the matters reported below)\* on the basis of our review, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. (\*delete as appropriate).

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

See attached.

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External auditor signature Grant Thornton UK LLP

External auditor name **Grant Thornton UK LLP** Date 25 September 2013

**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*.

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**Matters reported**

**Other matters not affecting our opinion which we wish to draw to the attention of Madeley Parish Council for the year ended 31 March 2013**

It has come to our attention that Box 9 of Section 1 of the Annual Return – the Accounting Statements includes fixed assets that have been revalued.

Local councils are required to account for fixed assets at purchase cost. If this is not known a proxy cost should be substituted (e.g. insurance value). Commercial concepts of revaluation are not appropriate for local councils. For reporting purposes therefore, the 'book' value of fixed assets will usually therefore stay constant until disposal. Where insurance value has been used as a proxy, it should not be adjusted for annual changes.

Guidance on accounting for fixed assets is available in the NALC / SLCC publication Governance and Accountability for Local Councils – A Practitioners Guide 2010 (paras 3.61 – 3.62).

*Grant Thornton UK LLP*

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**Date** *25 September 2013*

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