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Dear Mrs Edwards

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 2021

Our report included the following statement within 'Except for the matters':

The Council had not adopted a Code of Conduct in line with the Localism Act 2011, Section 27(2). Therefore, this indicates a breach relating to compliance with laws, regulations and proper practices during the 2020-21 period and the Council should have ticked 'No' to Assertion 3 on Section 1 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. The Council did adopt a Code of Conduct in August 2021, so this should not be an issue in future years.

It has since been confirmed by the Council that a Code of Conduct was adopted in 2015 but was not reviewed by the Council during the 2020/21 year which is considered to be best practice. The Council have now adopted the Local Government Association's New Model Code in August 2021 which is expected to be reviewed regularly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Moore'.