

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 2012 of:

SHARED SERVICES PARTNERSHIP JOINT COMMITTEE (CENBUS)

Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

The body is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The body prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2012; 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 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.

If you have any queries for concern the information in this report, please contact the auditor as appropriate.

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

In future years, please ensure that all documentation requested for the audit is submitted with the Annual Return. (Copies of the minutes approving the Annual Return were not initially submitted.)

The Annual Return and supporting information were not submitted for audit by the date requested.

Minor point: The Joint Partnership name has been omitted from Section 4.

External auditor’s signature:

Mazars LLP

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Mazars LLP, Southampton, SO15 2BE

Date:

26/9/2012

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*.