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Dear Chris

**Burry Port Harbour Authority – 2016-17**

In accordance with the requirements of Section 42 of the Harbours Act 1964 I am giving my report on the annual statement of accounts relating to harbour activities that you have prepared in relation to Burry Port Harbour Authority for the year ending 31 March 2017.

I have undertaken our work in accordance with the specified procedures issued by the Auditor General for Wales. In summary these specified procedures require us to consider whether the annual statement of accounts relating to harbour activities:

- has been prepared on a reasonable basis (for example, the figures agree to the underlying records upon which they have been prepared and are consistent with transactions recorded in the statutory accounts of the local authority for the same reporting period); and
- casts correctly.

Under Section 42(5) of the Harbours Act 1964 you are required to submit this report along with the copy of the annual statement of accounts relating to harbour activities on which it has been given to the Secretary of State for Transport.

**Audit report on the annual statement of accounts relating to the harbour activities of Burry Port Harbour for the year ending 31 March 2017:**

I wish to draw the following matters to the attention of the Secretary of State in relation to the preparation of the annual statement of accounts relating to harbour activities of Burry Port Harbour Authority for the year ending 31 March 2017:

- Question 12 of the Internal Audit report refers to the review of Coastal facilities which was finalised in March 2016. This included, in part a review of the accounting and management arrangements for Burry Port Harbour. We reported the issues identified from this review in our report on the 2015-16 Burry Port Harbour Accounts.

During 2016-17 we have observed the quarterly management reports that have been presented to the audit committee. We are of the view that a number of improvements to both the accounting and management arrangements have been actioned during the year but there is still further work to be completed on some areas. We will continue to monitor the progress management makes in implementing the recommended changes in 2017-18.

- mooring fees have been undercharged in 2016-17 – this resulted in potentially a £2,479 undercharge to users.

I have completed our responsibilities in respect of the annual statement of accounts relating to harbour activities for Burry Port Harbour Authority for the year ending 31 March 2017 under the requirements of Harbours Act 1964 and the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004.

**Richard Harries**

**for and on behalf of Huw Vaughan Thomas, Auditor General for Wales**