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Mr Chris Moore Director of Corporate Services Carmarthenshire County Council County Hall Carmarthen SA31 1JP

Reference: RH/JB Date issued: 10 October 2022

Dear Chris,

Burry Port Harbour 2021-22 Annual Return

In accordance with the requirements of Section 12 and Section 14 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 I am giving my report on the Burry Port Harbour Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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

- 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 constituent local authorities for the same reporting period); and
- casts correctly.

Audit report on the annual return relating to Burry Port Harbour for the period ending 31 March 2022:

Subject to the following two actions being completed satisfactorily we will be able to certify the annual return and issue our notice of completion of the audit.

• Approval of the 2021-22 annual return by the Governance and Audit Committee which is due to be done at its meeting on 21 October 2022.

• On 31 October 2022, local government electors may exercise their rights under sections 30 and 31 of Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 to question the Auditor General about or make objections to the joint committee's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022. Should any issues arise from this process we would need to consider these before being able to certify the joint committee's annual return.

Once these actions are completed to our satisfaction, we will be able to confirm the following:

'On the basis of our review and in our opinion, the information contained 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.'

Other matters

We have no other matters we need to bring to your attention.

Yours sincerely

Richard Harries for and on behalf of Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales