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Mr Chris Moore  
Director of Corporate Services  
Carmarthenshire County Council County Hall  
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Dear Chris,

### Burry Port Harbour Authority 2020-21 Annual Return

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 2021.

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 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 2021:**

Subject to the approval of the 2020-21 statement of accounts which is due to take place at the Carmarthenshire County Council meeting on 24th September 2021 we will be able to confirm the following:

“We 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 2021 under the requirements of Harbours Act 1964 and the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004.

Based on our review and in our opinion, no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that in any material respect, the information reported in the Annual Return:

- Has not been prepared in accordance with proper practices;
- That relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met;
- Is not consistent with the Harbour Authority’s governance arrangements; and
- That the Harbour Authority does not have proper arrangements in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

**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**