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cc Peter Williams, Director of Finance

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Our ref: CA/MRWA00
Your ref:

Dear Chair,

Re: MRWA Audit Opinion 2021/22

I write to confirm to Members of the Authority, based on audit work undertaken during the 2021/22 financial year and the sampling of transactions, that I am not aware of any significant control issues that require bringing to the Authority's attention in relation to the operation of its governance, risk management and internal control framework.

In providing my opinion, I remind Members that no assurance can ever be absolute, and it is inevitable that control issues will arise within the MRWA, given its size and scale of operation.

During 2021/22 the following internal audit reports were reported to Members:

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| • Veolia Waste Contract | High Assurance |
| • Health and Safety System | Substantial Assurance |
| • Levy Calculation | Substantial Assurance |
| • Additional Covid-19 Expenditure | High Assurance |

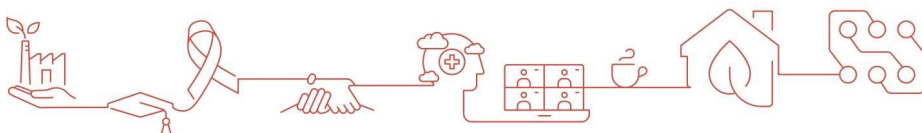
Also outlined, where applicable, is the level of assurance given with regard to the adequacy and effectiveness of internal control in relation to the areas under review.

At the time of writing, the Resource Recovery Contract and Procurement review are ongoing, and reports will be presented to the next Authority meeting.

In addition, at the request of MRWA the second Veolia Waste Contract audit review has been scheduled to be completed at the start of April 2022 and will be subsequently reported to the next available Authority meeting upon agreement of the audit report.

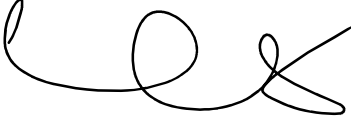
Any control issues arising from our work have been addressed by way of action plans for improvement, which have been agreed with management together with specified timescales for implementation. Progress towards the implementation of agreed action plans will be updated and presented to the Authority in 2022/23.

In accordance with our Service Level Agreement and MRWA's reliance upon St Helens Council's financial systems, I also confirm that I am satisfied, based on audit work undertaken during the financial year, that the Council continues to maintain a sound control framework and there are no issues I consider require bringing to your attention.



I trust that this meets your requirements.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Bradley
Interim Head of Audit and Risk

