

Section 3 – Certification and approval

Council approval and certification following the audit

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the accounting statements in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended) and for the preparation of an Annual Return which:

- summarises the Council's accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2014; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are important to the external auditor's responsibilities.

<p>Certification by the RFO</p> <p>Certificate under Regulation 8 Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005 (Regulation 8B (1), 8B (2) and 8B(3))</p> <p>I certify that the accounting statements contained in this Annual Return presents fairly the financial position of the Council, and its income and expenditure, or properly presents receipts and payments, as the case may be, for the year ended 31 March 2014.</p>	<p>Approval by the Council</p> <p>Approval of accounting statements under Regulation 9 (3) Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2005 (as amended) and the Annual Governance Statement</p> <p>I confirm that these accounting statements and Annual Governance Statement were approved by the Council under council minute reference:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INSERT COUNCIL REFERENCE <i>August 2014</i></p>
<p>RFO signature: <i>Laura Tams</i></p>	<p>Chair signature: <i>Howard Hewelyn</i></p>
<p>Name: <i>Laura Tams</i></p>	<p>Name: <i>Howard Hewelyn</i></p>
<p>Date: <i>06/08/2014</i></p>	<p>Date: <i>06/08/2014</i></p>

External Audit Certificate

The external auditor conducts the audit in accordance with guidance issued by the Auditor General for Wales. On the basis of their review of the Annual Return and supporting information, they report whether any matters that come to their attention give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. We certify that we have completed the audit of the Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2014 of:

BARGOED TOWN **Council**

External auditor's report

~~[Except for the matters reported below]~~* On the basis of our review, 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.

~~[[These matters along with]~~* Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the Council/meeting are included in our report to the Council dated 5 August 2014 .]

(* Delete as appropriate)

External auditor's signature: *Mazars LLP*

External auditor's name: **Mazars LLP, Poole, BH17 0NF** Date: *14 August 2014*