

## Section 3 – External auditor’s certificate and opinion

### Certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of the annual return for the year ended 31 March 2012 of

CULMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Respective responsibilities of the council and the auditor

The council is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The council prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2012; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are important to our audit responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to conduct an audit in accordance with guidance issued by the Audit Commission and, on the basis of our review of the annual return and supporting information, to report whether any matters that come to our attention give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

### External auditor’s report

On the basis of our review, in our opinion the information 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 not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the council:

Section 1, Box 9: Please note that, as stated in the Practitioners’ Guide, local councils are only required to account for fixed assets at their purchase cost. If this is not known, a proxy cost should be substituted (e.g. insurance value). Whatever valuation basis is adopted, this should be applied consistently and the ‘book’ value should usually stay constant until disposal. Where the insurance value has been used as a proxy, it should not be adjusted for any inflation increases.

External auditor’s signature:

Mazars LLP

External auditor’s name:

Mazars LLP, Southampton, SO15 2BE

Date:

30 AUGUST 2012

**Note:** The auditor signing this page has been appointed by the Audit Commission and is reporting to you that they have carried out and completed all the work that is required of them by law. For further information please refer to the Audit Commission’s publication entitled *Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and of Audited Small Bodies*.