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Summary report

Introduction

- 1 The Charity's trustee is responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and have considered that this year under section 144(2) of the Act an independent examination is needed of them.
- 2 We are responsible for providing an independent examiner's report on the Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust Fund (the Fund) financial statements as at 31 March 2018. An independent examination involves reviewing whether the Charity has, in all material respects:
 - maintained accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Act; and
 - prepared accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.
- 3 We are also required to report to you any matter that, in our opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached prior to the accounts being approved by the trustees. Where this is the case our team has already discussed these issues with officers.

Proposed examination report

- 4 It is our intention to issue an unqualified examination report on the financial statements. Our proposed report is set out in [Appendix 1](#).

Significant issues arising from our examination

- 5 There were no misstatements identified during the course of the independent examination, which remain uncorrected.
- 6 There was one misstatement that has been corrected by management, but which we consider should be drawn to your attention due to its relevance to your responsibilities over the financial reporting process. This is set out with explanations in [Exhibit 1](#) below. There were also a few disclosure omissions and errors that have now been adjusted. These errors could have been prevented if the Council had used the CIPFA Disclosure checklist to ensure compliance with the reporting framework (Charities SORP FRS 102) when preparing the draft accounts.

Exhibit 1: misstatement corrected by management

Value of correction	Nature of correction	Reason for correction
£14,903	Decrease Other incoming resource (REET) by £14,903 Decrease Debtors (Receivable from REET) by £14,903	Accrued income regarding the annual contribution from the Roger Edwards' Educational Trust (REET) was overstated, as per posted year-end correspondence from REET.

- 7 Information was provided to us in a timely and helpful manner and we are appreciative of the assistance provided by officers to facilitate the completion of our examination.

Appendix 1

Proposed report of the independent examiner to the trustee of Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust Fund

I report on the accounts of Monmouthshire Farm School Endowment Trust Fund for the year ended 31 March 2018, which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act). You are satisfied that the accounts are not required to be audited by charity law and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of your Charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Act; In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently, I express no opinion as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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On behalf of the Auditor General for Wales

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