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John Ryan

Mr Stephen Town
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Dear Stephen

APPOINTED AUDITOR FOR AUCKLAND COUNCIL

Following recent discussions with my Office, this letter confirms the audit team and appointed auditor for the Auckland Council audit from 2020.

In confirming this team, I have carefully considered the importance of the Auckland Council. I have also considered the complexity of operations and reporting requirements as well as the requirement to rotate appointed auditors while retaining key expertise and knowledge.

I have, therefore, appointed Athol Graham from Audit NZ as Auckland Council's appointed auditor from the 2020 audit. Until that time, Jo Smail will continue as the appointed auditor.

While Athol will be the appointed auditor, the audit of Auckland Council involves a team of senior staff from my Office. I have attached profiles of these staff and their respective roles in Appendix 1.

Feel free to call me if you want to discuss any aspect of this letter.

Yours sincerely

John Ryan
Controller and Auditor-General

Appendix 1



Greg Schollum, Deputy Controller and Auditor-General, will continue to sign the audit report on my behalf. He has been at the Office nearly 19 years, including time at both Audit NZ and the Office of the Auditor General, and has a strong background in technical accounting and local government.



Athol Graham will be the appointed auditor. Athol is currently the second Director on the Auckland Council audit.



Karen MacKenzie will take the role of second Audit Director. Karen has extensive local government audit experience, and has been the appointed auditor for nine different Local Authorities over the past 15 years, including Auckland Regional Council.



Andy Burns is the current Engagement Quality Control Reviewer and will remain in that role until 2021. Andy also has many years of local government experience, having been the appointed auditor of 8 different Local Authorities. He is currently the appointed Auditor of Christchurch City Council.



Sarah Markley is the Sector Manager who has directly supported the Auckland Council audit for a number years.

This team will call on other Audit New Zealand specialist Directors for tax or specialist matters as required.