We did not examine every transaction, nor do we guarantee complete accuracy of the financial statements, the service provision information and the other requirements.

We evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements, the service provision information and the other requirements. We obtained all the information and explanations we required to support our opinion above.

Responsibilities of the Council and the Auditor

The Council is responsible for preparing financial statements and service provision information in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. The financial statements must fairly reflect the financial position of the City Council and group as at 30 June 2010. They must also fairly reflect the results of operations and cash flows for the year ended on that date. The service provision information must fairly reflect the City Council’s levels of service provision for the year ended 30 June 2010.

The Council is also responsible for meeting the other requirements of Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2002 and including that information in the annual report. The Council’s responsibilities arise from section 98 and Schedule 10 of the Local Government Act 2002.

We are responsible for expressing an independent opinion on the financial statements, the service provision information and the other requirements and reporting that opinion to you. This responsibility arises from section 15 of the Public Audit Act 2001 and section 99 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Independence

When carrying out the audit we followed the independence requirements of the Auditor General, which incorporate the independence requirements of the New Zealand Institute of Chartered Accountants.

During the year we undertook a review of the Clifton Terrace Carpark managed by the City Council on behalf of the New Zealand Transport Agency. Other than the audit, the review of the Clifton Terrace Carpark and the audit of the long-term community plan, we have no relationship with or interests in the City Council or any of its subsidiaries.

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