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To whom it may concern,

Letter of support for the AAT Foundation Certificate in Accounting

Qualification Title	Qualification Number	Awarding Organisation	First teaching from:
AAT Foundation Certificate in Accounting - Level 2	601/6552/2	AAT	1 September 2016

Hampshire County Council is one of the largest county councils in England, which along with the rest of the public sector has been going through a major programme of cost reduction and efficiency savings over the past few years. We have entered, and are continuing to enter, into joint working arrangements with other public sector bodies in order to provide a more efficient and cost-effective service.

As an employer operating within the Business, Administration, Finance and Law sectors, we confirm our support for the AAT Foundation Certificate in Accounting – Level 2 Technical Certificate qualification.

The purpose of this qualification is to ensure students are well-prepared to progress into a business, finance or professional accountancy career or further education. We have reviewed the qualification and can confirm that it meets the skills needs of the industry. This qualification comprises five units of study: Bookkeeping Transactions, Bookkeeping Controls, Elements of Costing, Using Accounting Software and Work Effectively in Finance.

We value this qualification because it provides learners, including 16-19 year olds

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with the required knowledge, skills and competencies expected of new workforce entrants. This qualification would give students an advantage when applying for related jobs or apprenticeship opportunities in this sector or if wanting to progress to further education. The finance, accountancy, business and communications skills developed in the AAT Foundation Certificate in Accounting can lead to employment as an:

- accounts administrator
- accounts assistant
- accounts payable clerk
- purchase/sales ledger clerk
- trainee accounting technician
- trainee finance assistant.

We have confidence that this AAT qualification contains the appropriate sector requirements of knowledge and competencies as AAT qualifications are mapped to the National Occupational Standards (NOS) for Accountancy and Finance which ensures that the content remains current, applicable and transferable.

We are happy for our support of this qualification to be published on AAT's website so that learners can see for themselves which qualifications are recognised by industry as fit for purpose.

Yours sincerely



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