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Dear Jodene,

Letter of support: Recognition of high quality technical qualifications for school and college performance tables

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.

We actively promote learning and development within our workforce and require entrants to our Finance team to have a minimum level of accountancy knowledge and skills and insist on anyone working within finance in our organisation to either have, be studying towards or be willing to study the AAT Accounting Qualification, or equivalent qualifications. This ensures that the people who work for us have the knowledge and skills we require for them to be effective.

As an employer operating within the Business, Administration, Finance and Law sectors, we confirm our support for the four Association of Accounting Technicians (AAT) qualifications listed in the table below that will be submitted to Ofqual for accreditation during 2015. We have reviewed the qualifications and we confirm that these qualifications, in our opinion, meet the skills needs of the industry.

Qualification Title	AAT submission to Ofqual	First teaching from:
AAT Foundation Certificate in Accounting (Level 2)	June 2015	1 September 2016

Director of Corporate Resources
Carolyn Williamson CPFA

AAT Foundation Diploma in Accounting and Business (Level 2)	June 2015	1 September 2016
AAT Advanced Diploma in Accounting (Level 3)	June 2015	1 September 2016
AAT Professional Diploma in Accounting (Level 4)	June 2015	1 September 2016

We believe that these AAT qualifications will provide learners, including 16-19 year olds, with the required knowledge, skills and competencies required to progress to higher education and/or advanced/higher apprenticeships. These qualifications also provide the skills expected of new work entrants within this sector and specifically in the following occupational areas:

- Accountant
- Accounting Assistant
- Accounting Clerk
- Accounting Manager
- Accounts Payable and Expenses Supervisor
- Accounts Payable Clerk
- Accounts Receivable Clerk
- Assistant Financial Accountant
- Bookkeeping
- Budget Analyst
- Certified Internal Auditor
- Chief Financial Officer – CFO
- Commercial Analyst
- Comptroller/Controller
- Cost Accountant
- Credit Controller
- Finance Assistant
- Fixed Asset Accountant
- Government Accounting
- Indirect Tax Manager
- Payments and Billing Manager
- Payroll Clerk
- Payroll Manager
- Senior Bookkeeper
- Senior Finance Officer
- Senior Fund Accountant
- Senior Insolvency Administrator
- Staff Accountant
- Tax Accountant
- Tax Supervisor
- VAT Accountant

We have confidence that these AAT qualifications contain the appropriate sector requirements of knowledge and competencies as AAT qualifications are mapped to the Financial Skills Partnership (FSP) National Occupational Standards (NOS) for Accountancy and Finance. The NOS are developed in collaboration with employers and professional bodies such as ourselves, so as to ensure the content remains current, applicable and transferable.

We are happy for our support of these qualifications 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,



Lee Maidment
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