
SUMMARY

Summary of Report 24/2015, relating to Balaguer Town Council, General Account, year 2012

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The Public Audit Office for Catalonia has issued Report 24/2015, relating to Balaguer Town Council's General Account for the financial year 2012, in accordance with its Annual Programme of Activities.

The report, which was presented by Board Member Mr Joan-Ignasi Puigdollers, was approved by the Audit Office Board at its meeting on 3 November 2015.

The purpose of the audit was to review the annual accounts of Balaguer Town Council for the financial year 2012 to check whether they had been drawn up in accordance with the applicable financial reporting regulatory framework and, in particular, the accounting principles and criteria contained therein.

The Audit Office is unable to express an opinion on these annual accounts of Balaguer Town Council because of the very significant effect of the limitations affecting the following aspects:

- The reporting of information contained in the end-of-year Account of Tax Receipts submitted by Lleida Provincial Council's Autonomous Entity for Managing and Collecting Local Taxes.
- The reporting of revenues from grants awarded to the Town Council to finance activities carried out by the Council's subsidiary organisations.
- The figures quantifying earmarked funding deviations existing at the end of the financial year.
- The identification and valuation of non-financial fixed assets and the values for fixed asset depreciation over the financial year.

Section 3.1 of the report gives, in addition to the opinion, a summary of the most significant findings brought to light in the course of the audit work carried out.

The adjusted figures given by Audit Office for the accounts and statements do not modify its overall assessment and only serve to record the quantifiable effect of those operations which should have been registered in the accounts in accordance with accounting regulations; they

do not take into account the adjustments which would have been deemed necessary if the limitations described in the opinion had not occurred.

In section 3.2 of the report, the Audit Office issues a series of recommendations on the need to undertake a full-scale review of the situation existing in respect of administrative procedures and accounting criteria used, from the point of view of complying with statutory requirements and correctly managing accounting data, and also of the internal control mechanisms in place.

This summary is solely for information purposes. The audit report (in Catalan and Spanish) can be consulted at www.sindicatura.cat.