

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (the "Authority")

Issue of audit opinion on the financial statements

In our audit report for the year ended 31 March 2016 issued on 21 July 2016 we reported that, in our opinion:

- present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority as at 31 March 2016 and of its expenditure and income for the year then ended; and
- the financial statements had been properly prepared in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2015/16 and applicable law.

Issue of audit opinion on the pension fund financial statements

In our audit report for the year ended 31 March 2016 issued on 21 July 2016 we reported that, in our opinion the pension fund's financial statements:

- present a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the pension fund during the year ended 31 March 2016 and the amount and disposition at that date of the fund's assets and liabilities; and
- had been properly prepared in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2015/16 and applicable law.

Conclusion on the Authority's arrangements to secure value for money through economic, efficient and effective use of its resources

In our audit report for the year ended 31 March 2016 issued on 21 July 2016 we reported that, in our opinion, in all significant respects, the Authority had put in place proper arrangements to secure value for money through economic, efficient and effective use of its resources for the year ending 31 March 2016.

Certificate

In our report dated 21 July 2016, we explained that we could not formally conclude the audit on that date until we had:

- issued our opinion on the Pension Fund financial statements included in the Pension Fund Annual Report of Kent County Council. Our opinion has now been issued.
- completed the work necessary to issue our Whole of Government Accounts (WGA) Component Assurance statement. We have now completed this work.
- completed our consideration of an objection brought to our attention by a local authority elector under Section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. These matters have now been dealt with.

No matters have come to our attention since that date that would have a material impact on the financial statements on which we gave an unqualified opinion and conclusion on the Authority's arrangements for securing value for money through economic, efficient and effective use of its resources.

We certify that we have completed the audit of the financial statements of the Authority in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice issued by the National Audit Office on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General.

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