

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF OLDHAM COUNCIL (the "Authority")**

### **Issue of audit opinion on the financial statements**

In our audit report for the year ended 31 March 2017 issued on 17 July 2017 we reported that, in our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the group and of the Authority as at 31 March 2017 and of the group's expenditure and income and the Authority's expenditure and income for the year then ended;
- had been prepared properly in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC code of practice on local authority accounting in the United Kingdom 2016/17; and
- had been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

### **Conclusion on the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources**

In our audit report for the year ended 31 March 2017 issued on 17 July 2017 we reported that, on the basis of our work, we were satisfied that the Authority put in place proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ending 31 March 2017.

### **Certificate**

In our report dated 17 July 2017, we explained that we could not formally conclude the audit on that date until:

- we had completed the work necessary to issue our Whole of Government Accounts (WGA) Component Assurance statement for the year ended 31 March 2017; and
- we had 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 economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of 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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