

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

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

In our audit report for the year ended 31 March 2019 issued on 31 July 2019 we reported that, in our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority as at 31 March 2019 and of 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 2018/19; and
- had been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

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

In our audit report for the year ended 31 March 2019 issued on 31 July 2019 we reported that, in our opinion the pension fund financial statements of Worcestershire Pension Fund:

- give a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the pension fund during the year ended 31 March 2019 and of the amount and disposition at that date of the fund's assets and liabilities,
- had been prepared properly in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC code of practice on local authority accounting in the United Kingdom 2018/19; 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 2019 issued on 31 July 2019 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 2019.

### **Certificate**

In our report dated 31 July 2019, 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 2019, and issued our report on the consistency of the pension fund financial statements included in the Pension fund Annual Report of Worcestershire Pension fund. We have now completed this work and issued our opinion.

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 Worcestershire County Council 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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11 September 2019