

Audit Completion Certificate issued to the Members of County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority for the year ended 31 March 2022

In our auditor's report dated 30 November 2022 we explained that the audit could not be formally concluded until we had completed the work necessary:

- to issue our assurance statement in respect of County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority's Whole of Government Accounts consolidation pack for the year ended 31 March 2021, and consequently conclude the audit and issue the certificate for that period;
- to issue our assurance statement in respect of County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority's Whole of Government Accounts consolidation pack for the year ended 31 March 2022; and
- to satisfy ourselves that County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

This work has now been completed.

No matters have come to our attention since 30 November 2022 that would have a material impact on the financial statements on which we gave our unqualified opinion.

The Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources

We are required to report to you if, in our opinion, we are not satisfied that the Authority has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2022.

On the basis of our work, having regard to the guidance issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General in January 2023, we have nothing to report in this respect.

Certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority and the Group for the year ended 31 March 2022 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.



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30 April 2024