

Audit Completion Certificate issued to the Members of the North East Combined Authority and the Group for the year ended 31 March 2021

In our auditor's report dated 6 June 2023 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 the Authority's Whole of Government Accounts consolidation pack.

This work has now been completed.

No matters have come to our attention since 6 June 2023 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 2021.

On the basis of our work, having regard to the guidance issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General in April 2021, we have nothing to report in this respect.

Certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of the North East Combined Authority and the Group for the year ended 31 March 2021 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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