

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S STATEMENT TO THE MEMBERS OF WANDSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL ON THE PENSION FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinion

We have examined the pension fund financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020, which comprise the Fund Account, the Net Assets Statement and the related notes.

In our opinion, the pension fund financial statements are consistent with the full annual statement of accounts of Wandsworth Borough Council for the year ended 31 March 2020 and comply with applicable law and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2019/20.

Respective responsibilities of the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive and the auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive's Responsibilities, the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive is responsible for the preparation of the pension fund's financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law.

Our responsibility is to report to you our opinion on the consistency of the pension fund financial statements within the pension fund annual report with the pension fund financial statements in the statement of accounts of Wandsworth Borough Council, and its compliance with applicable law and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2019/20.

We also read the other information contained in the pension fund annual report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the pension fund financial statements. The other information consists only:

- Introduction
- Section 1 - Management and Financial Performance Report
- Section 2 - Investment Policy and Performance Report
- Section 3 - Scheme Administration Report
- Section 4 - Actuarial Report on Fund
- Section 5 - Governance Compliance Statement
- Section 6 - Statement of Accounts
- Section 7 - Funding Strategy Statement
- Section 8 - Investment Strategy Statement
- Section 9 - Communications Policy Statement

We conducted our work in accordance with Auditor Guidance Note 07 – Auditor Reporting, issued by the National Audit Office. Our report on the administering authority's full annual statement of accounts describes the basis of our opinion on those financial statements.

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