Audit Completion Certificate issued to the Members of Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council for the year ended 31 March 2022

In our auditor's report dated 20 December 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 Council's Whole of Government Accounts consolidation pack.

This work has now been completed.

No matters have come to our attention since 20 December 2023 that would have a material impact on the financial statements on which we gave our unqualified opinion.

The Council'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 Council 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 Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and 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.

Gavin Barker Key Audit Partner For and on behalf of Mazars LLP

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6 May 2024