INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LONDON BOROUGH OF EALING

Issue of audit opinion on the financial statements

In our audit report for the year ended 31 March 2017 issued on 12 September 2017 we reported that, in our opinion, the financial statements:

- gave a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority as at 31 March 2017 and of its expenditure and income for the year then ended;
- gave a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Pension Fund during the year ended 31 March 2017 and the amount and disposition of the fund's assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2017 other than liabilities to pay pensions and other benefits after the end of the scheme year; and
- had been prepared properly in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2016/17.

Issue of value for money conclusion

In our audit report for the year ended 31 March 2017 issued on 12 September 2017 we reported that, in our opinion, in all significant respects, London Borough of Ealing had put in place proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ending 31 March 2017.

Certificate

In our report dated 12 September 2017, we explained that we could not formally conclude the audit on that date until we had completed the work necessary to issue our assurance statement in respect of the Authority's Whole of Government Accounts consolidation pack, issued our opinion on the Pension Fund Annual Report and considered matters brought to our attention by a local authority elector. We have now completed this work.

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 value for money conclusion.

We certify that we have completed the audit of the financial statements of London Borough of Ealing in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice.

Neil Thomas

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