

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

This report is made solely to the members of Essex County Council in accordance with Part 5 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and for no other purpose, as set out in the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and Audited Bodies within Chapter 2 of the Code of Audit Practice published by the National Audit Office in April 2015. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the members of the County Council those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the County Council and the County Council's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### **Certificate of completion of the audit**

In our audit report for the year ended 31 March 2020 issued on 30 November 2020, we explained that the audit could not be formally concluded until we had completed our work necessary to issue our assurance statement in respect of the Corporation's Whole of Government Accounts consolidation pack. This work has now been completed.

No other matters have come to our attention since that date that would have a material impact on the financial statements on which we gave an unmodified opinion or our value for money conclusion.

We certify that we have completed the audit of the accounts of Essex County Council and Pension Fund for the year ended 31 March 2020 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.



**David Eagles, Key Audit Partner**

For and on behalf of BDO LLP, Appointed Auditor  
Ipswich, UK  
19 June 2021

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