

Devon County Council: Audit certificate for the year-ended 31 March 2009

Issue of audit opinion

In my audit report for the year ended 31 March 2009 issued on 29 September 2009 I reported that, in my opinion, the financial statements presented fairly, in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2008, the financial position of the Authority as at 31 March 2009 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

Issue of conclusion

As stated in my audit report for the year ended 31 March 2009 issued on 29 September 2009, I reported that in my opinion, in all significant respects, Devon County Council made proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2009.

Certificate

In my report dated 29 September 2009, I explained that the audit could not be formally concluded on that date until consideration of matters brought to my attention by local authority electors had been completed. These matters have now been dealt with. No other matters have come to my attention since that date that would have a material impact on the financial statements on which I gave an unqualified opinion and value for money conclusion.

In my report dated 29 September 2009, I explained that the audit could not be formally concluded on that date as I am required to give an opinion on the financial statements of the Pension Fund included in the 2008/09 Pension Fund Annual Report of Devon County Council Pension Fund. The Local Government Pension Scheme (Administration) Regulations 2008 require authorities to publish the Pension Fund Annual Report by 1 December 2009. I have now read the other information to be published with those financial statements and I issued my report on those financial statements on 18 December 2009.

I certify that I have completed the audit of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Audit Commission Act 1998 and the Code of Audit Practice issued by the Audit Commission.

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