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12 June 2023

Dear Matthew,

Wirral Council: Closure of the audit for 2020/21

Further to our letter dated 28 January 2022, we are pleased to be able to advise you that we have now completed our work on your arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in your use of resources and our work on your Whole of Government accounts and issued our opinion on the consistency of the pension fund financial statements in the Pension Fund Annual Report with the pension fund financial statements included in the statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

We issued our Auditor's Annual Report to the Authority on 20 July 2022. Please ensure you publish this report on your website.

Our auditor's report, including our report on the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources, and our certificate of completion of the audit for the year ended 31 March 2021 is attached. Please publish this auditor's report and certificate on your website alongside the audited statement of accounts (which incorporates our auditor's report thereon). Please ensure that you do not reproduce the signature of the auditor in any electronic format for any other purpose.

Please note that Regulation 16(1) of The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 requires the Authority to publish (which must include publication on its website) a statement:

- that the audit has been concluded
- that the statement of accounts has been published
- of the rights of inspection conferred in local government electors by section 25 of the Act and the address at which, and the hours during which, those rights may be exercised.

This statement can now be published.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like clarification on any point.

Yours sincerely

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