

# Section 3 – External auditor certificate and report 2014/15

## Certificate

We certify that we have completed our review of the annual return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Audit Commission Act 1998 as transitionally saved, for the year ended 31 March 2015 in respect of:

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### Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

The body is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The body prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2015; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are important to our audit responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to review the annual return in accordance with guidance issued by the Audit Commission (see note below). Our work does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and does not provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do.

### External auditor report (ACNY0536)

On the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the Council:

As a result of incorrect information supplied to the Council by the precepting authority the annual return was not completed accurately before submission for audit. Section 1, box 2 (the annual precept) does not agree to the figures notified to us by the precepting authority. The figures in boxes 2 and 2 should read £6,637 and £1,158 respectively. Please ensure the correct figures are used in next year's return when completing the comparatives. Note also that as set out in our letter of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015, all precept figures published by the precepting authorities each year are available for checking on our website prior to completion of the return.

External auditor signature

External auditor name

PKF Littlejohn LLP

Date

13 September 2015

Note: The Audit Commission issued guidance in its Standing Guidance, which is applicable to external auditors' work on 2014/15 accounts.