

**Assurance Statement by the Treasurer**

The Treasurers responsibilities include, amongst other things, the following (extract from the Inter Authority Agreement):

- 33.4 The Host Authority shall ensure that the Treasurer shall provide sufficient financial information to the section 151 officer of each Partner Authority to enable each Partner Authority to report on the financial status of the Joint Committee against the relevant Annual Budget.

From December 2016, it has been agreed that Director shall provide the Finance Report to the Joint Committee, rather than the Treasurer, reflecting the financial responsibilities of the Director.

This Statement is to provide Assurance to the Joint Committee that the Treasurer endorses the Directors finance report, specifically by:

- Having assurance from the Accountancy team and the DES finance system that supports the findings of this report.
- Having had appropriate discussions as part of the extended DWP Senior Management Team.

**Andy Smith, Treasurer to the DWP, September 2017**