

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S STATEMENT TO THE MEMBERS OF DORSET COUNCIL ON THE PENSION FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have examined the Pension Fund financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2020, which comprise the Fund Account, the Net Assets Statement and the related notes 1 to 23.

Respective responsibilities of the Chief Financial Officer and the auditor

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities, the Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the preparation of the Pension Fund's financial statements in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law.

Our responsibility is to report to you my opinion on the consistency of the Pension Fund financial statements within the Pension Fund annual report with the Pension Fund financial statements in the statement of accounts of Dorset Council, and its compliance with applicable law and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2019/20.

We also read the other information contained in the Pension Fund annual report and consider the implications for my report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements or material inconsistencies with the pension fund financial statements. The other information comprises the information included in the Pension Fund's annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's opinion thereon.

We conducted our work in accordance with Auditor Guidance Note 07 – Auditor Reporting, issued by the National Audit Office. Our report on the administering authority's full annual statement of accounts describes the basis of our opinion on those financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion, the Pension Fund financial statements are consistent with the full annual statement of accounts of Dorset Council for the year ended 31 March 2020 and comply with applicable law and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2019/20.



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For and on behalf of Deloitte LLP
Cardiff, UK
05 January 2022