Sunderland City Council

2009/10 Audit of Accounts

Independent Auditor's Report to Members of Sunderland City Council

Issue of audit opinion on the accounting statements

In my audit report for the year ended 31 March 2010 issued on 11 February 2011, I reported that, in my opinion, the accounting statements gave a true and fair view, in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2009: A Statement of Recommended Practice, of the financial position of the Council as at 31 March 2010 and its income and expenditure for the year then ended.

Issue of value for money conclusion

In my audit report for the year ended 31 March 2010 issued on 11 February 2011, I reported that in my opinion, in all significant respects, Sunderland City Council made proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2010.

Certificate

In my report dated 11 February 2011, 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.

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

Signed

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