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Dear Chris

Notice of certification of completion of the audit of the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council for the year ended 31 March 2019

We are pleased to advise you that we have completed the audit of the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council for the year ended 31 March 2019.

We issued an unqualified opinion and audit certificate on the accounts on 31 July 2019. On the same date we also issued an 'except for' VFM conclusion on your arrangements for securing value for money as required by the National Audit Office's Code of Audit Practice. We have not had to issue a report in the public interest under Section 24, Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

As you know we were unable to issue an audit certificate closing the audit at that date until we had completed the work necessary to issue our assurance statement in respect of the Council's Whole of Government Accounts consolidation pack. We have now completed that work and issued our assurance statement on 19 August 2019.

No matters have come to our attention since our original report on 31 July 2019 that would have a material impact on the financial statements on which we gave an unqualified opinion or on our value for money conclusion.

Consequently, on 19 August 2019 we have issued a certificate on the 2018/19 audit. I attach a copy of the signed certificate to this letter for your records and for publication on your website.

Please note that Regulation 16 of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 requires you to publish (which must include publication on your website), a statement of the matters set out below, as soon as reasonably practicable after conclusion of an audit:

- that the audit has been concluded and that the statement of accounts is available for inspection by local government electors;
- the rights of inspection under section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014; and
- the address at which, and the hours during which, those rights may be exercised.

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In addition, Regulation 10 of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 requires you to publish, which must include publication on your website, not later than 31 July 2019:

- the statement of accounts together with any certificate or opinion entered by the local auditor in accordance with section 20(2) of the Act;
- the annual governance statement approved in accordance with regulation 6(3); and
- the narrative report prepared in accordance with regulation 8.

Please ensure that the published financial statements include the signed auditor's report.

We have provided the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council with a copy of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2019 including our report on those statements. We outline below your responsibilities in respect of the use of our report.

Please ensure that you:

- only publish the financial statements accompanied by our report on those statements;
- only publish the financial statements accompanied by any 'other information' provided to us before we issued our report and specifically referred to in our report; and
- do not publish the financial statements accompanied by any other information not provided to us prior to issuing our report.

Please note that:

- the examination of the controls over the electronic publication of audited financial statements is beyond the scope of the audit of the financial statements and we cannot be held responsible for changes made to audited information after the initial publication of the financial statements and our report; and
- where you wish to publish or distribute the financial statements electronically, you are responsible for ensuring that the publication accurately presents the financial statements and our report on those financial statements. This responsibility also applies to the presentation of any financial information published in respect of prior periods.

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

Thank you again to you and your team for the support and cooperation in enabling us to complete the audit.

Yours sincerely



Cameron Waddell
Partner