



# Audit completion report

## London Borough of Camden Pension Fund – year ended 31 March 2022

September 2024

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Dear Committee Members,

13 September 2024

### **Camden Pension Fund - Audit Completion Report – Year ended 31 March 2022**

We are pleased to present our Audit Completion Report for Camden Pension Fund for the year ended 31 March 2022. The purpose of this report is to summarise our audit findings and conclusions.

We have reviewed our Audit Strategy Memorandum and concluded that the significant audit risks and other key judgement areas set out in that report remain appropriate.

We would like to express our thanks for the assistance of your team during our audit. If you would like to discuss any matters in more detail then please do not hesitate to contact me on 07977 261873.

Yours faithfully



Suresh Patel

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Our reports are prepared in the context of the 'Statement of responsibilities of auditors and audited bodies' and the 'Appointing Person Terms of Appointment' issued by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited.  
Reports and letters prepared by appointed auditors and addressed to the Pension Fund are prepared for the sole use of the Pension Fund and we take no responsibility to any member or officer in their individual capacity or to any third party.

# 01

Executive Summary

# Executive summary

## Principal conclusions and significant findings

The detailed scope of our work as your appointed auditor for 2021/22 is set out in the National Audit Office's (NAO) Code of Audit Practice. Our responsibilities and powers are derived from the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and, as outlined in our Audit Strategy Memorandum, our audit has been conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) and means we focus on audit risks that we have assessed as resulting in a higher risk of material misstatement.

In section 4 of this report we have set out our conclusions and significant findings from our audit. This section includes our conclusions on the audit risks and areas of management judgement in our Audit Strategy Memorandum, which included management override of controls.

## Misstatements and internal control recommendations

Section 5 sets out internal control recommendations and section 6 sets out audit misstatements.

## Status and audit opinion

We have substantially completed our audit in respect of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022, although our review process remains in progress.

At the time of preparing this report, there are no significant matters outstanding.

Subject to the satisfactory conclusion of the remaining audit work, we have the following conclusions:



### Audit opinion

We anticipate issuing an unqualified opinion, without modification, on the financial statements. Our proposed audit opinion is included in the draft auditor's report in Appendix B.



### Consistency report

We anticipate concluding that the Pension Fund financial statements within the Pension Fund's Annual Report are consistent with the Pension Fund financial statements within the Statement of Accounts of London Borough of Camden. Our draft consistency report is provided in Appendix C.











### Wider powers

The 2014 Act requires us to give an elector, or any representative of the elector, the opportunity to question us about the accounting records of the Fund and to consider any objection made to the accounts. No such correspondence from electors has been received.

## Status of the audit

## 2. Status of the audit

While we have substantially completed our audit work in respect of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 and our internal review and clearance process remains ongoing. Subject to the outstanding matters detailed below there are currently no matters of which we are aware that would require modification of our audit opinion.

			Status
Audit area	Status	Description of the outstanding matters	
Investments		Our documentation of the audit work that we have performed is in progress.	 Likely to result in material adjustment or significant change to disclosures within the financial statements.
Review of Financial Statements		We are waiting the final updated version of the financial statements to review.	
File review procedures		Manager, Engagement Lead and Engagement Quality Reviewer final reviews	 Potential to result in material adjustment or significant change to disclosures within the financial statements.
File closure procedures		Following completion of review procedures, we need to complete file closedown procedures, including receipt of management's letter of representation and complete our consideration of post balance sheet events to the date of final sign-off.	
Review of Annual Report		Our review of the content of the detailed Pension Fund Annual report to confirm consistency with the financial statements has yet to be completed.	 Not considered likely to result in material adjustment or change to disclosures within the financial statements.

## Audit Approach



# 3. Audit approach

## Changes to our audit approach

We have not made any changes to our audit approach since we presented our Audit Strategy Memorandum.

## Materiality

Our provisional materiality at the planning stage of the audit was set at £20.7m using a benchmark of 1% of net assets available to pay benefits. We set a provisional specific materiality for the fund account of £11m at the planning stage of the audit using a benchmark of 10% of contribution receivable.

Our final assessment of materiality, based on the final financial statements and qualitative factors was set using the same benchmarks:

- Statement materiality £22m.
- Fund account specific materiality £6.5m.

## Use of experts

Management makes use of experts in specific areas when preparing the Pension Fund’s financial statements. We also use experts to assist us to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence on specific items of account.

Item of account	Management’s expert	Our expert
Disclosure notes on funding arrangements and actuarial present value of promised retirement benefits	Hymans Robertson	NAO consulting actuary PwC
Valuation of investments within level 3 of the fair value hierarchy and related disclosures	Investment managers engaged by the fund that prepare valuations	We have not engaged our own expert for the valuation of level 3 investments to support the valuation of unusual or complex level 3 investments.

## Service organisations

International Auditing Standards (UK) (ISAs) define service organisations as third-party organisations that provide services to the Pension Fund that are part of its information systems relevant to financial reporting. We are required to obtain an understanding of the services provided by service organisations as well as evaluating the design and implementation of controls over those services. The table below summarises the service organisations used by the Pension Fund and our planned audit approach.

Items of account	Service organisation	Audit approach
The calculation and payment of pension benefits, assessment of funding levels based on existing pensioner data.	Wandsworth Borough Council	We will seek appropriate confirmation that the Council’s controls and procedures have operated as designed throughout the year and that no weaknesses have been identified that would have a material impact on the information provided to the Camden Pension Fund.
Investment valuations and income and all related disclosures	Investment managers	Obtain direct confirmations from the fund managers and substantively test transactions occurring in the year and the valuations applied to investments at the year end.
Investment valuations and income and all related disclosures	Custodian	Obtain direct confirmations from the fund managers and substantively test transactions occurring in the year and the valuations applied to investments at the year end.

Significant findings

# Significant findings

## Significant findings, including key areas of management judgement

The significant findings from our audit include:

- our audit conclusions regarding significant risks and key areas of management judgement outlined in the Audit Strategy Memorandum;
- our comments in respect of the accounting policies and disclosures that you have adopted in the financial statements. On page 14 we have concluded whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the financial reporting framework and commented on any significant accounting policy changes that have been made during the year; and
- any significant difficulties we experienced during the audit;

## Significant Risks

### Management override of controls

### Description of the risk

In all entities, management at various levels within an organisation are in a unique position to perpetrate fraud because of their ability to manipulate accounting records and prepare fraudulent financial statements by overriding controls that otherwise appear to be operating effectively. Due to the unpredictable way in which such override could occur, we consider there to be a risk of material misstatement due to fraud and thus a significant risk on all audits

### How we addressed this risk

We addressed this risk through performing audit work over:

- Accounting estimates impacting amounts included in the financial statements;
- Consideration of identified significant transactions outside the normal course of business; and
- Journal entries recorded in the general ledger and other adjustments made in preparation of the financial statements

### Analysis of work performed

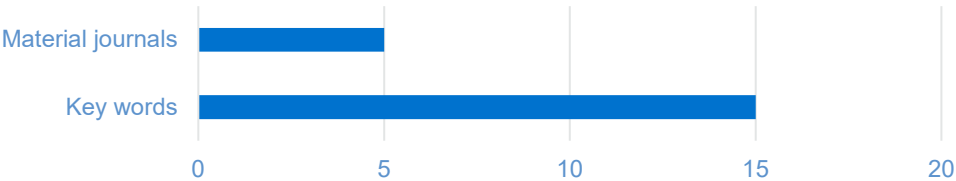
The chart on the next page highlights the spread of the journals selected for testing across identified risk factors for our review. 786 manually posted journal lines impacting the general ledger during the year were considered for testing. Our risk analysis identified 20 journals for testing.

# Significant findings

## Significant Risks

Management override of controls

### Analysis of work performed



Our testing confirmed that all the selected items were valid journal postings.

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### Audit conclusion

We have completed our planned procedures and have no matters to report in respect of the risk of management override of controls.

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# Significant findings

## Qualitative aspects of the Fund's accounting practices

We have reviewed the Fund's accounting policies and disclosures and concluded they comply with the 2021/22 Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting, appropriately tailored to the Fund's circumstances.

Draft accounts were received from the Fund on 5 April 2024 and were of a good quality.

## Significant difficulties during the audit

During the course of the audit, we did not encounter any significant difficulties, and we have had the full co-operation of management.

## Wider responsibilities

Our powers and responsibilities under the 2014 Act are broad and include the ability to:

- issue a report in the public interest;
- make statutory recommendations that must be considered and responded to publicly;
- apply to the court for a declaration that an item of account is contrary to law; and
- issue an advisory notice under schedule 8 of the 2014 Act.

We have not exercised any of these powers as part of our 2021/22 audit. The 2014 Act also gives rights to local electors and other parties, such as the right to ask questions of the auditor and the right to make an objection to an item of account. No such objections have been raised.

## Modifications required to our audit report

We have identified no issues which have resulted in us proposing to issue a modified audit opinion. Our draft audit report, in full, is set out in Appendix B.

## Internal control conclusions

# Internal control conclusions

## Overview of engagement

As part of our audit, we obtained an understanding of the Fund's internal control environment and control activities relevant to the preparation of the financial statements, which was sufficient to plan our audit and determine the nature, timing, and extent of our audit procedures. Although our audit was not designed to express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal controls, we are required to communicate to the Audit and Governance Corporate Committee any significant deficiencies in internal controls that we identified in during our audit.

## Deficiencies in internal control

A deficiency in internal control exists if:

- a control is designed, implemented, or operated in such a way that it is unable to prevent, detect, and/ or correct potential misstatements in the financial statements; or
- a necessary control to prevent, detect, and/ or correct misstatements in the financial statements on a timely basis is missing

The purpose of our audit was to express an opinion on the financial statements. As part of our audit, we have considered the Fund's internal controls relevant to the preparation of the financial statements to design audit procedures to allow us to express an opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal controls or to identify any significant deficiencies in their design or operation.

The matters reported in this section of our report are limited to those deficiencies and other control recommendations that we have identified during our normal audit procedures and which we consider to be of sufficient importance to merit being reported.

If we had performed more extensive procedures on internal control, we might have identified more deficiencies to report or concluded that some of the reported deficiencies need not in fact have been reported.

Our comments in this section should not be regarded as a comprehensive record of all

deficiencies that may exist or improvements that could be made.

We have identified one deficiency in the Fund's internal controls, see page 15.

## Significant deficiencies in internal control

A significant deficiency in internal control is one which, in our professional judgement, has the potential for financial loss, damage to reputation, or a loss of information which may have implications on the achievement of business strategic objectives. Our view is that observations categorised as a significant deficiency is of sufficient importance to merit the attention of the Audit and Governance Corporate Committee.

We have not identified any significant deficiencies in the Fund's internal controls as at the date of this report.

## Other observations

We also record our observations on the Fund's internal controls where, in our professional judgement, there is a need to strengthen internal control or enhance business efficiency that do not constitute significant deficiencies in internal control but which we view as being important for consideration by management.

We do not have any other internal control observations to bring to your attention as at the date of this report.

Whether internal control observations merit attention by the Audit and Governance Corporate Committee and/ or management is a matter of professional judgment, taking into account the risk of misstatement that may arise in the financial statements as a result of those observations.

# Internal control conclusions

## Other deficiencies in internal control

In our view, there is a need to address the deficiencies in internal control set out in this section (which are not deemed to be significant deficiencies) to strengthen internal control or enhance business efficiency. Our recommendations should be actioned by management in the near future.

### No regular reviews of Oracle user access rights

#### Description of deficiency

The Council does not conduct periodic reviews of access rights for all non-standard Oracle users. Although the Council has started undertaking periodic reviews for certain classes of non-standard Oracle users, e.g. users assigned with payroll roles, there is no such review for all non-standard users and no review is done for users assigned with finance roles.

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#### Potential effects

The Oracle system may be accessed inappropriately or fraudulently. Unintentional or fraudulent data alteration or entry may occur.

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#### Recommendations to

Council should implement a policy and process which allows for periodic reviews of the access rights of all users with non-standard access to Oracle.

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#### Management response

We accept the recommendation and will implement a formal policy for system access reviews for all non-standard users. We have carried out ad hoc reviews of standard and non-standard users in 2022, the risk of the Oracle system being accessed inappropriately and fraudulently is low but will look to introduce a formal policy for 2025/26.

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## Summary of misstatements

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## Adjusted and non adjusted misstatements

No adjusted or any other misstatements I have been found, that we believe the Audit and Governance Corporate Committee should be made aware of.

## Disclosure amendments

The following disclosure amendments have been discussed:

General: A number of minor presentational and typographical changes made to the financial statements that do not require individual analysis.

Disclosures: A number of improvements to disclosures in the financial statements.

# Appendices

A: Draft management representation letter

B: Draft audit report

C: Draft consistency report

D: Confirmation of our independence

E: Other communications

# Appendix A: Draft management representation letter

To be provided to us on client headed note paper

[Date]

Dear Suresh

## **London Borough of Camden Pension Fund - audit for year ended 31 March 2022**

This representation letter is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of London Borough of Camden Pension Fund ('the Fund') for the year ended 31 March 2022 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22 (the Code) and applicable law.

I confirm that the following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience (and, where appropriate, inspection of supporting documentation) sufficient to satisfy ourselves that I can properly make each of the following representations to you.

### **My responsibility for the financial statements and accounting information**

I believe that I have fulfilled my responsibilities for the true and fair presentation and preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Code and applicable law.

### **My responsibility to provide and disclose relevant information**

I have provided you with:

- access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements such as records, documentation and other material;
- additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit; and
- unrestricted access to individuals within the Fund you determined it was necessary to contact in order to obtain audit evidence.

I confirm as Chief Financial Officer that I have taken all the necessary steps to make me aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that you, as auditors, are aware of this information.

As far as I am aware there is no relevant audit information of which you, as auditors, are unaware.

# Appendix A: Draft management representation letter

## **Accounting records**

I confirm that all transactions that have a material effect on the financial statements have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements. All other records and related information, including minutes of all Fund and committee meetings, have been made available to you.

## **Accounting policies**

I confirm that I have reviewed the accounting policies applied during the year in accordance with Code and International Accounting Standard 8 and consider these policies to faithfully represent the effects of transactions, other events or conditions on the Fund's financial position, financial performance and cash flows.

## **Accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value**

I confirm that any significant assumptions used by the Fund in making accounting estimates are reasonable, including:

- those measured at current or fair value.

## **Contingencies**

There are no material contingent losses including pending or potential litigation that should be accrued where:

- information presently available indicates that it is probable that an asset has been impaired or a liability had been incurred at the balance sheet date; and
- the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated.

There are no material contingent losses that should be disclosed where, although either or both the conditions specified above are not met, there is a reasonable possibility that a loss, or a loss greater than that accrued, may have been incurred at the balance sheet date.

There are no contingent gains which should be disclosed.

All material matters, including unasserted claims, that may result in litigation against the Fund have been brought to your attention. All known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements have been disclosed to you and accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the Code and applicable law.

## **Laws and regulations**

I confirm that I have disclosed to you all those events of which I am aware which involve known or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations, together with the actual or contingent consequences which may arise therefrom.

# Appendix A: Draft management representation letter

The Fund has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the accounts in the event of non-compliance.

## **Fraud and error**

I acknowledge my responsibility as Chief Financial Officer for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud and error.

I have disclosed to you:

- all the results of my assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud;
- all knowledge of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the Fund involving:
  - o management and those charged with governance;
  - o employees who have significant roles in internal control; and
  - o others where fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.

I have disclosed to you all information in relation to any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the Fund's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others

## **Related party transactions**

I confirm that all related party relationships, transactions and balances, have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of the Code and applicable law.

I have disclosed to you the identity of the Fund's related parties and all related party relationships and transactions of which I am aware.

## **Impairment review**

To the best of my knowledge, there is nothing to indicate that there is a permanent reduction in the recoverable amount of the property, plant and equipment below their carrying value at the balance sheet date. An impairment review is therefore not considered necessary.

## **Future commitments**

I am not aware of any plans, intentions or commitments that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities or give rise to additional liabilities.

## **Unadjusted misstatements**

I confirm that there were no uncorrected misstatements.

# Appendix A: Draft management representation letter

## **Subsequent events**

I confirm all events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which the Code and applicable law, require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.

Should further material events occur after the date of this letter which may necessitate revision of the figures included in the financial statements or inclusion of a note thereto, I will advise you accordingly.

## **Impacts of Russian Forces entering Ukraine**

I confirm that I have carried out an assessment of the potential impact of Russian Forces entering Ukraine on the Council, including the impact of mitigation measures and uncertainties, and that the disclosure in the Annual Report and the subsequent events to the financial statements fairly reflects that assessment

## **Covid-19**

I confirm that I have carried out an assessment of the potential impact of the Covid-19 Virus pandemic on the business, including the impact of mitigation measures and uncertainties, and that the disclosure in the Annual Report and the subsequent events to the financial statements fairly reflects that assessment.

## **Going concern**

To the best of my knowledge there is nothing to indicate that the Fund will not continue as a going concern in the foreseeable future. The period to which I have paid particular attention in assessing the appropriateness of the going concern basis is not less than twelve months from the date of approval of the accounts.

Yours sincerely

Jon Rowney

Chief Financial Officer, Section 151 Officer

# Appendix B: Draft audit report

## **Draft Independent auditor's report to the members of the London Borough of Camden Pension Fund**

### **Report on the financial statements**

#### **Opinion on the financial statements of the London Borough of Camden Pension Fund**

We have audited the financial statements of London Borough of Camden Pension Fund ('the Pension Fund') for the year ended 31 March 2022, which comprise the Fund Account, the Net Assets Statement, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial transactions of Camden Pension Fund during the year ended 31 March 2022, and the amount and disposition of the Pension Fund's assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2022; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22.

#### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities section of our report. We are independent of the Council, as administering authority for the Pension Fund, in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Chief Financial Officer's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Chief Financial Officer's has not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Pension Fund's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.



# Appendix B: Draft audit report

## Other information

The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Statement of Accounts, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Responsibilities of the Chief Finance Officer for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts, the Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the preparation of the Statement of Accounts, which includes the Pension Fund's financial statements, in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2020/21, and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view. The Chief Financial Officer is also responsible for such internal control as the Chief Financial Officer determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Chief Financial Officer is required to comply with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22 and prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis, unless the Council is informed of the intention for dissolution of the Pension Fund without transfer of services or function to another entity. The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for assessing each year whether or not it is appropriate for the Pension Fund to prepare the accounts on the going concern basis and disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern.

## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Pension Fund's financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# Appendix B: Draft audit report

## **Matters on which we are required to report by exception under the Code of Audit Practice**

We are required by the Code of Audit Practice to report to you if:

- we issue a report in the public interest under section 24 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014;
- we make a recommendation under section 24 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014; or
- we exercise any other special powers of the auditor under sections 28, 29 or 31 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

We have nothing to report in these respects.

## **Use of the audit report**

This report is made solely to the members of the London Borough of Camden, as a body and as administering authority for the Camden Pension Fund, in accordance with part 5 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and as set out in paragraph 44 of the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and Audited Bodies published by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the members of the Council those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the members of the Council, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Suresh Patel  
For and on behalf of Forvis Mazars LLP

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# Appendix C: Draft consistency report

## **Independent auditor's statement to the members of London Borough Of Camden on the pension fund financial statements included within the London Borough Of Camden Pension Fund annual report**

### **Report on the financial statements**

We have examined the Pension Fund financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 included within the Camden Pension Fund annual report, which comprise the Fund Account, the Net Assets Statement and the notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the Pension Fund financial statements are consistent with the audited financial statements of London Borough of Camden for the year ended 31 March 2022 and comply with applicable law and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22.

### **Respective responsibilities of the Chief Financial Officer**

As explained more fully in the Statement of the Chief Financial Officer's 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 the Members of London Borough of Camden as a body, whether the Pension Fund financial statements within the Pension Fund annual report are consistent with the financial statements of London Borough of Camden.

We conducted our work in accordance with Auditor Guidance Note 07 – Auditor Reporting, issued by the National Audit Office. Our report on the Pension Fund financial statements contained within the audited financial statements of London Borough of Camden describes the basis of our opinions on the financial statements.

### **Use of this auditor's statement**

This report is made solely to the members of London Borough of Camden , as a body and as administering authority for the London Borough of Camden Pension Fund, in accordance with Part 5 paragraph 20(5) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the members of London Borough of Camden those matters we are required to state to them and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than London Borough of Camden and London Borough of Camden's members as a body, for our audit work, for this statement, or for the opinions we have formed.

Suresh Patel, For and on behalf of Forvis Mazars LLP

## Appendix C: Confirmation of our independence

As part of our ongoing risk assessment we monitor our relationships with you to identify any new actual or perceived threats to our independence within the regulatory or professional requirements governing us as your auditors.

We can confirm that no new threats to independence have been identified since issuing the Audit Strategy Memorandum and therefore we remain independent.

# Appendix D: Other communications

Other communication	Response
Compliance with Laws and Regulations	<p>We have not identified any significant matters involving actual or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.</p> <p>We will obtain written representations from management that all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements have been disclosed.</p>
External confirmations	<p>We did not experience any issues with respect to obtaining external confirmations.</p>
Related parties	<p>We did not identify any significant matters relating to the audit of related parties.</p> <p>We will obtain written representations from management confirming that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. they have disclosed to us the identity of related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which they are aware; and</li> <li>b. they have appropriately accounted for and disclosed such relationships and transactions in accordance with the requirements of the applicable financial reporting framework.</li> </ul>
Going Concern	<p>We have not identified any evidence to cause us to disagree with the Chief Financial Officer that London Borough of Camden Pension Fund will be a going concern, and therefore we consider that the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in the preparation of the financial statements..</p>

# Appendix D: Other communications

Other communication	Response
Subsequent events	<p>We are required to obtain evidence about whether events occurring between the date of the financial statements and the date of the auditor's report that require adjustment of, or disclosure in, the financial statements are appropriately reflected in those financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.</p> <p>We will obtain written representations from management that all events occurring subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which the applicable financial reporting framework requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.</p>
Matters related to fraud	<p>We have designed our audit approach to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement due to fraud. In addition to the work performed by us, we will obtain written representations from management, and where appropriate Corporate Committee, confirming that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) they acknowledge their responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud;</li> <li>b) they have disclosed to the auditor the results of management's assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud;</li> <li>c) they have disclosed to the auditor their knowledge of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. management;</li> <li>ii. employees who have significant roles in internal control; or</li> <li>iii. others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>d) they have disclosed to the auditor their knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the entity's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others.</li> </ul>

# Contact

## Forvis Mazars

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