

Section 3 – External auditor certificate and report 2014/15

Certificate

We certify that we have completed our review of the annual return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Audit Commission Act 1998 as transitionally saved, for the year ended 31 March 2015 in respect of:

CENSUS SHARED SERVICES PARTNERSHIP

Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

The body is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The body prepares an annual return in accordance with proper practices which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2015; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are important to our audit responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to review the annual return in accordance with guidance issued by the Audit Commission (see note below). Our work does not constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and does not provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do.

External auditor report (ACWS0116)

On the basis of our review of the annual return, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the Partnership:

As raised in the prior year external auditor report, the Partnership did not provide documentary evidence to demonstrate that:

- It has reviewed the effectiveness of internal control arrangements during the year
- Risk management has been considered by those charged with governance during the year

However, the lead authority provided a statement on behalf of the individual authorities that make up the Partnership indicating that they are satisfied with the control environment in which the Partnership operates.

The completed Annual Return and all relevant supporting information were not submitted for review by the date requested.

The Annual Return was not fully completed before submission for review:

- Section 1, Box 5, for the current year has been left blank. Please ensure that each box contains either a figure or an indication of a nil balance
- The Body name has been omitted from Section 4

External auditor signature

PKF Littlejohn LLP

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Date

1/9/15

Note: The Audit Commission issued guidance in its Standing Guidance, which is applicable to external auditors' work on 2014/15 accounts.