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**XX November 2020 – to be dated same date as audit opinion**

## **Nottinghamshire County Council Pension Fund – Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2020**

This representation letter is provided in connection with the audit of the financial statements of Nottinghamshire County Council Pension Fund ('the Fund) for the year ended 31 March 2020 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the Fund financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2019/20 and applicable law.

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves:

### **Financial Statements**

- i. We have fulfilled our responsibilities for the preparation of the Fund's financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2019/20 ("the Code"); in particular the financial statements are fairly presented in accordance therewith.
- ii. We have complied with the requirements of all statutory directions affecting the Fund and these matters have been appropriately reflected and disclosed in the financial statements.
- iii. The Fund has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance. There has been no non-compliance with requirements of any regulatory authorities that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance.
- iv. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- v. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable. We are satisfied that the material judgements used in the preparation of the financial statements are soundly based, in accordance with the Code and adequately disclosed in the financial statements.
- vi. Except as disclosed in the financial statements:
  - a. there are no unrecorded liabilities, actual or contingent

- b. none of the assets of the Council has been assigned, pledged or mortgaged
  - c. there are no material prior year charges or credits, nor exceptional or non-recurring items requiring separate disclosure.
- vii. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards and the Code.
- viii. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which International Financial Reporting Standards and the Code require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- ix. The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.
- x. Actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards.
- xi. We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
- xii. We have updated our going concern assessment and cashflow forecasts in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. We continue to believe that the Fund's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis and have not identified any material uncertainties related to going concern on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the Fund's needs. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

### **Information Provided**

- xiii. We have provided you with:
  - a. access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the Fund financial statements such as records, documentation and other matters;
  - b. additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of your audit; and
  - c. unrestricted access to persons within the Fund from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- xiv. We have communicated to you all deficiencies in internal control of which management is aware.
- xv. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- xvi. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- xvii. We have disclosed to you all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects the Fund and involves:
  - a. management;
  - b. employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
  - c. others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- xviii. We have disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others.

- xix. We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- xx. We are not aware of any reports having been made to The Pensions Regulator by any of our advisors.
- xxi. We have disclosed to you the identity of the Fund's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- xxii. We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

### **Approval**

The approval of this letter of representation was delegated to the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the governance and Ethics Committee, at its meeting on 25 November 2020.

Yours faithfully,

Signed

Name            Councillor Bruce Laughton  
Position        Chairman of the Governance and Ethics Committee  
Date            XX<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Signed

Name            Nigel Stevenson  
Position        Service Director – Finance, Infrastructure and Improvement  
Date            XX<sup>th</sup> November 2020