

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY IN RESPECT OF WEST MIDLANDS INTEGRATED TRANSPORT AUTHORITY (the "Authority")**

### **Issue of audit opinion on the financial statements**

In our audit report for the year ended 31 March 2016 issued on 28 July 2016 we reported that, in our opinion, the financial statements:

- present a true and fair view of the financial position of West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority and Group as at 31 March 2016 and of West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority's and Group's expenditure and income for the year then ended; and
- had been properly prepared in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2015/16 and applicable law.

### **Issue of audit opinion on the pension fund financial statements**

In our audit report for the year ended 31 March 2016 issued on 28 July 2016 we reported that, in our opinion the pension fund's financial statements:

- present a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the pension fund during the year ended 31 March 2016 and the amount and disposition at that date of the fund's assets and liabilities; and
- had been properly prepared in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2015/16 and applicable law.

### **Conclusion on West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority's arrangements to secure value for money through economic, efficient and effective use of its resources**

In our audit report for the year ended 31 March 2016 issued on 28 July 2016 we reported that, in our opinion, in all significant respects, West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority had put in place proper arrangements to secure value for money through economic, efficient and effective use of its resources for the year ending 31 March 2016.

### **Certificate**

In our report dated 28 July 2016, we explained that we could not formally conclude the audit on that date until we had:

- completed the work necessary to issue our Whole of Government Accounts (WGA) Component Assurance statement. We have now completed this work; and,
- issued our opinion on the Pension Fund financial statements included in the Pension Fund Annual Report of West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority. Our opinion has now been issued.

No matters have come to our attention since that date that would have a material impact on the financial statements on which we gave an unqualified opinion and conclusion on the Authority's arrangements for securing value for money through economic, efficient and effective use of its resources.

We certify that we have completed the audit of the financial statements of West Midlands Integrated Transport Authority in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice issued by the National Audit Office on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General.

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