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The annual internal audit report focuses on a series of internal control objectives covering an authority's key financial and accounting systems and concludes whether, in all significant respects, the internal control objectives were being achieved throughout the financial year to a standard adequate to meet the needs of the authority. We note that the internal auditor has not provided a conclusion on internal control objective K which was required since the smaller authority certified itself exempt in the prior year. In addition, the annual internal audit report has been completed on an AGAR Part 2PM form rather than an AGAR Part 3 form and so the internal auditor has also not provided a conclusion on internal control objectives G and M in respect of salaries and trust funds. The annual internal audit report will inform the authority's response to assertions 2 and 6 in the annual governance statement. As a result, the authority must ensure that assurance that has not been provided via these control objectives has been sought elsewhere.

External auditor certificate 2019/20

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2020.

PKF Littlejohn LLP
15/01/2021

