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Dear Chris,

Wales Pension Partnership Joint Committee 2020-21 Annual Return

In accordance with the requirements of Section 12 and Section 14 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 I am giving my report on the Wales Pension Partnership joint committee annual return for the year ended 31 March 2021.

I have undertaken our work in accordance with the specified procedures issued by the Auditor General for Wales. In summary these procedures require us to consider whether the annual statement of accounts:

- has been prepared on a reasonable basis (for example, the figures agree to the underlying records upon which they have been prepared and are consistent with transactions recorded in the statutory accounts of the constituent local authorities for the same reporting period); and
- casts correctly.

Audit report on the annual statement of accounts relating to Wales Pension Partnership joint committee for the period ending 31 March 2021:

Subject to the following two actions being completed satisfactorily we will be able to certify the joint committee's annual return and issue our notice of completion of the audit.

- On the 26th of July 2021, local government electors may exercise their rights under sections 30 and 31 of Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 to question the Auditor General about or make objections to the joint committee's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021. Should any issues arise from this process we would need to consider these before being able to certify the joint committee's annual return. We will provide an update on this at the joint committee meeting on 28th July 2021.
- Approval of the 2020-21 statement of accounts by the joint committee which is due to be done at its meeting on 28th July 2021.

Once these actions are completed to our satisfaction, we will be able to confirm the following:

“On the basis of our review and in our opinion, the information contained 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

We have no other matters we need to bring to your attention.

Yours sincerely

Richard Harries

for and on behalf of Adrian Crompton, Auditor General for Wales