Audit Completion Certificate issued to the Members of County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority for the year ended 31 March 2024

In our auditor's report dated 26th February 2025 we explained that the audit could not be formally concluded until we have completed the work necessary to issue our assurance statement in respect of the Authority's Whole of Government Accounts consolidation pack.

This work has now been completed following confirmation from the National Audit Office that the group audit of the Whole of Government Account has been completed and that no further work is required to be completed by us.

Certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority for the year ended 31 March 2024 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.

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