

## Audit Completion Certificate issued to the Governance and Audit Committee of City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council for the year ended 31 March 2021

In our auditor's report dated 21 December 2021, we explained that the audit could not be formally concluded until we had completed our work on the Council's Whole of Government Accounts return and the value for money commentary.

This work has now been completed.

No matters have come to our attention since 21 December 2021 that would have a material impact on the financial statements on which we gave our unqualified opinion.

### The Council's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources

We are required to report to you if, in our opinion, we are not satisfied that the Council has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2021.

On the basis of our work, having regard to the guidance issued by the Comptroller and Auditor General in April 2021, we have identified the following significant weakness in the Council's arrangements for the year ended 31 March 2021:

Significant weakness in arrangements	Recommendation
<p>In 2018 Ofsted assessed children's services as 'Inadequate'.</p> <p>Since 2018, Ofsted's ongoing monitoring work has highlighted some progress, concerns remain about the pace of improvement.</p> <p>In our view, Ofsted's ongoing concerns around progress in addressing the identified weaknesses in children's services represent a significant weakness in arrangements in relation to Governance and how the Council implements or achieves progress on recommendations raised as a result of previous recommendations from Ofsted.</p>	<p>In order to fully address ongoing concerns expressed by Ofsted in its 2018 Report and subsequent Monitoring Letters, the Council should continue to improve its arrangements and action plan.</p> <p>The Council should also ensure that robust monitoring and reporting processes are in place and that challenge, scrutiny and escalation arrangements drive the required improvements for service users and sustain the progress made to-date in implementing the actions to address the issues raised by Ofsted.</p>

## Certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council for the year ended 31 March 2021 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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