



Cambridgeshire Pension Fund Audit Results Report

Year ended 31 March 2022

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Audit and Accounts Committee and Pension Fund Committee
Cambridgeshire County Council
Shire Hall
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Dear Audit and Accounts Committee/ Pension Fund Committee Members

2021/22 Audit Results Report

We are pleased to attach our Audit Results Report, summarising the status of our audit for the forthcoming meeting of the Audit and Accounts Committee. This report summarises our preliminary audit conclusion in relation to the audit of Cambridgeshire Pension Fund for 2021/22.

The audit is designed to express an opinion on the 2021/22 financial statements and address current statutory and regulatory requirements. This report contains our findings related to the areas of audit emphasis, our views on Cambridgeshire Pension Fund's accounting policies and judgements and material internal control findings. Each year sees further enhancements to the level of audit challenge and the quality of evidence required to achieve the robust professional scepticism that society expects. We thank the management team for supporting this process.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Audit and Accounts Committee and Pension Fund Committee, other members of the Pension Fund, and senior management. It is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss the contents of this report with you at the Pension Fund Committee on the 25 October and at the Audit and Accounts Committee meeting on the 24 November 2022.

Yours faithfully

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Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA) issued the "Statement of responsibilities of auditors and audited bodies". It is available from the PSAA website (<https://www.psaa.co.uk/audit-quality/statement-of-responsibilities/>). The Statement of responsibilities serves as the formal terms of engagement between appointed auditors and audited bodies. It summarises where the different responsibilities of auditors and audited bodies begin and end, and what is to be expected of the audited body in certain areas.

The "Terms of Appointment and further guidance (updated April 2018)" issued by the PSAA sets out additional requirements that auditors must comply with, over and above those set out in the National Audit Office Code of Audit Practice (the Code) and in legislation, and covers matters of practice and procedure which are of a recurring nature.

This report is made solely to the Audit and Accounts Committee, Pension Fund Committee, and management of Cambridgeshire Pension Fund in accordance with the statement of responsibilities. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Audit and Accounts Committee, Pension Fund Committee, and management of Cambridgeshire Pension Fund those matters we are required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Audit and Accounts Committee, Pension Fund Committee, and management of Cambridgeshire Pension Fund for this report or for the opinions we have formed. It should not be provided to any third-party without our prior written consent.



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Executive Summary



Executive Summary

Areas of audit focus

In our Provisional Audit Plan we identified a number of key areas of focus for our audit of the financial report of Cambridgeshire Pension Fund. This report sets out our observations and status in relation to these areas, including our views on areas which might be conservative and areas where there is potential risk and exposure. Our consideration of these matters and others identified during the period is summarised within the "Areas of Audit Focus" section of this report.

Management Override: Misstatements due to fraud or error

- ▶ We have completed our testing and found no indications of management override of controls.

Management Override: Investment income and asset valuations - Investment Journals

- ▶ We have completed our work in this area and have no matters to report.

Unusual Investments (Cambridge and Counties Bank)

- ▶ We have completed our work in this area and have no matters to report.

Valuation of Complex Investments (L3 Unquoted investments)

- ▶ We have completed our work in this area, We have highlighted one audit difference as a result of updated valuation information in respect of these investment assets, resulting in an understated valuation of £10.274 million. (See page 6 for further details). We have no other matters to report.

Valuation of Level 2 investments (Pooled investments)

- ▶ We have completed our work in this area and have no matters to report.

IAS 26 disclosure - Actuarial value of promised retirement benefits

- ▶ We have completed our work in this area and have no matters to report.

We request that you review these and other matters set out in this report to ensure:

- ▶ There are no residual further considerations or matters that could impact these issues;
- ▶ You concur with the resolution of the issue; and
- ▶ There are no further significant issues you are aware of to be considered before the financial report is finalised.

There are no matters, other than those reported by Management or disclosed in this report, which we believe should be brought to the attention of the Audit and Accounts Committee, the Pension Fund Committee, or Management.



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Scope update

In our Provisional Audit Plan report dated 15 July 2022, we provided you with an overview of our audit scope and approach for the audit of the financial statements. We carried out our audit in accordance with this plan. We have not made any revisions to the audit risks and planned audit procedures set out within the Provisional Audit Plan.

Materiality has been set at £43.0 million, which represents 1% of the net assets of the scheme available to fund benefits per the 2021/22 draft financial statements. We will report all uncorrected misstatements relating to the primary statements (Net Assets Statement and Pension Fund Account) greater than £2.2 million.

Status of the audit

Our audit work in respect of the Pension Fund opinion is substantially complete. The following items relating to the completion of our audit procedures were outstanding at the date of this report:

- ▶ Receipt of the Response to our Annual Enquiries Letter to Internal Audit.

Closing Procedures:

- ▶ Subsequent events review;
- ▶ Agreement of the final set of accounts;
- ▶ Receipt of signed management representation letter; and
- ▶ Final Manager and Engagement Partner reviews.

Details of each outstanding item, actions required to resolve and responsibility is included in Appendix D. Subject to satisfactory completion of the following outstanding items above, we expect to issue an unqualified opinion upon the Pension Fund Financial Statements in the form which appears at Section 3.

Audit differences

Uncorrected differences

There is one uncorrected misstatement identified through our audit. The Investment asset balance within the Net Assets Statement included a number of estimated asset valuations for Level 3 assets. The value of these assets were based on December 2021 actual valuations adjusted for cash flows to the 31 March 2022. Subsequent to the preparation of the Pension Fund's Draft Statement of Accounts, actual valuations for these Level 3 assets were provided by the Fund managers for the 31 March 2022. This showed that the Investment asset balance was understated by £10.274 million.



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Audit differences (continued)

Corrected Differences

There are no corrected misstatements to report.

Disclosure Differences

We also identified a limited number of minor audit disclosure differences in the financial statements, which have been adjustment by Management.

Other reporting issues

We have no other matters to report.

Independence

Please refer to Section 7 for our update on Independence.

Control observations

During the audit, we did not identify any significant deficiencies in internal controls. We have taken a wholly substantive approach to the audit.



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Areas of Audit Focus



Areas of Audit Focus

Significant risk

Misstatements due to fraud or error

What is the risk?

The financial statements as a whole are not free of material misstatements whether caused by fraud or error. As identified in ISA (UK) 240, management is in a unique position to perpetrate fraud because of its ability to manipulate accounting records directly or indirectly and prepare fraudulent financial statements by overriding controls that otherwise appear to be operating effectively.

We identify and respond to this fraud risk on every audit engagement.

We have considered where this risk specifically manifests itself and this is in the posting of Investment Journals (see following slide).

What did we do?

As set out in our Audit Plan, we confirm that we have performed the following procedures:

- ▶ We inquired of management about risks of fraud and the controls put in place to address those risks;
- ▶ We obtained an understanding the oversight given by those charged with governance of management's processes over fraud;
- ▶ We considered the effectiveness of management's controls designed to address the risk of fraud;
- ▶ We performed mandatory procedures regardless of specifically identified fraud risks, including;
 - ▶ testing of journal entries and other adjustments in the preparation of the financial statements;
 - ▶ reviewing accounting estimates for evidence of management bias; and
 - ▶ evaluating the business rationale for significant unusual transactions.
- ▶ We utilised our data analytics capabilities to assist with our work, including journal entry testing; and
- ▶ We assessed journal entries for evidence of management bias and evaluate for business rationale.

What are our conclusions?

We have not identified any material weaknesses in controls or evidence of material management override.

We have not identified any instances of inappropriate judgements being applied.

We did not identify any other transactions during our audit which appeared unusual or outside the Fund's normal course of business.



Areas of Audit Focus

Significant risk

Investment income and asset valuations - Investment Journals

What is the risk?

We have considered the key areas where management has the opportunity and incentive to specifically override controls that could affect the Fund Account and the Net Asset Statement.

We have identified the main area being;

- ▶ Investment Income and Asset valuations being taken from the Custodian reports and incorrectly posted to the general ledger in the year, specifically through journal postings.

What did we do?

As set out in our Audit Plan, we confirm that we have performed the following procedures:

- ▶ Tested journals at year-end to ensure there are no unexpected or unusual postings;
- ▶ Undertook a review of reconciliations to the fund manager and custodian reports and investigated any reconciling differences;
- ▶ Re-performed the detailed investment note using the reports we acquired directly from the custodian or fund managers;
- ▶ Checked the reconciliation of holdings included in the Net Assets Statement back to the source reports; and
- ▶ For quoted investment income we agreed the reconciliation between fund managers and custodians back to the source reports.

What are our conclusions?

Our testing has not identified any material misstatements within Investment Income or year end Investment Asset valuations - as a result of the journal postings from the Custodian Report to the financial ledger.

We have not identified any material weaknesses in controls or evidence of material management override.

We have not identified any instances of inappropriate judgements being applied.



Areas of Audit Focus

Significant risk

Unusual Investments - Cambridge and Counties Bank (CCB)

What is the risk?

The Pension Fund's investment in Cambridge and Counties Bank (CCB) is a hard to value, Level 3 investment. This is because of a lack of observable inputs and prices which are not publicly available.

The CCB investment is based on valuations provided by a management specialist - Grant Thornton (GT). GT used a markets multiple approach in the prior year looking at price earnings ratio and price to book ratios, considering current and forecast earnings and ratios.

What did we do?

As set out in our Audit Plan we confirm that we have performed the following procedures:

- ▶ Engaged with EY Transaction Valuation team who have undertaken a review of the valuation model provided by GT considering the appropriateness of the assumptions and inputs used in determining the valuation;
- ▶ Ensured that the CCB investment have been valued in accordance with the relevant accounting policies; and
- ▶ The audit team have tested the accounting entries made in the Statement of Accounts to ensure they are consistent with the valuation provided by Management's expert - GT.

What are our conclusions?

Managements Expert (GT) utilised a Market Approach to the valuation which gave rise to valuation within a range of £81.3 million to £88.6 million (Cambridgeshire Pension Fund share). Our valuation team used a Dividend Discount Model (DDM) as their valuation approach. The DDM approach is considered best practice and confirmed a fair valuation for the Pension Fund's share as being within a £77.0 million and £86.0 million range. The investment is held at £85.0 million within the Pension Fund's financial statements, which is therefore reasonable.

The two approaches do not provide significantly different ranges, hence we have concluded that the valuation of Cambridgeshire and Counties Bank is reasonable. We have not identified any instances of inappropriate judgements being applied, or bias in the application of assumptions or judgements.

Based on the work we have undertaken we are satisfied that the management specialist valuation is within the range of best practice and is materially accurate.



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Significant risk

Valuation of Complex Investments (Level 3 - Unquoted Investments)

What is the risk?

The Fund's investments include unquoted pooled investment vehicles such as Private Equity, Infrastructure and Property Investments. The valuation of such investments are classified under IFRS 13 as Level 3 investments. As such the valuation of Level 3 Investments are based on 'unobservable' inputs. Judgements are made by the Fund Managers to value these investments whose prices are not publicly available. The material nature of this type of investment, means that any error in judgement could result in a material valuation error. Increasing market volatility means such judgments can quickly become outdated, especially when there is a significant time period between the latest available audited information and the fund year end. Such variations could therefore have a material impact on the carrying value of the investments within the financial statements. In the 2021/22 draft accounts, approximately 26% of the overall Fund, totalling £1,101 million, is within this investment type. As these investments are more complex to value, we have identified the Fund's investments in private equity and pooled property investments as a higher risk estimate, as even a small movement in the valuation assumptions could have a material impact on the financial statements.

What did we do and what management judgements did we focus on?

As set out in our Audit Plan, we confirm that we have performed the following procedures:

- ▶ Agreeing 100% of the investments to Custodian and Fund Manager reports
- ▶ Triangulating the valuation from Fund Manager reports, Custodian reports, and accounts for all investments
- ▶ Assessing the competence of Fund Managers as management experts;
- ▶ Obtaining copies of the Fund Managers and Custodian ISAE3402 reports over internal control for any control exceptions raised in relation to the valuation of investments; and
- ▶ For a sample of Level 3 investments, we calculated the expected year-end valuation based on the latest audited financial statements, the Pension Fund's percentage holding of that fund, and any purchases and sales in the intervening period.
- ▶ We have evaluated the audit report in the financial statements for the relevant Funds in our sample, ensuring there are no matters arising that highlight weaknesses in the funds valuation, or any modification, qualification, emphasis of matter, or issues raised around going concern
- ▶ For our sample of Level 3 investments, we also performed a benchmarking exercise with market indices to determine whether the movement in the market value of investments between the date of the latest audited financial statements and the 31 March 2022 was within our expectation.

What are our conclusions?

There is one uncorrected misstatement identified through our audit. The Investment asset balance within the Net Assets Statement included a number of estimated asset valuations for Level 3 assets. The value of these assets were based on December 2021 actual valuations adjusted for cash flows to the 31 March 2022. Subsequent to the preparation of the Pension Fund's Draft Statement of Accounts, actual valuations for these Level 3 assets were provided by the Fund managers for the 31 March 2022. This showed that the Investment asset balance was understated by £10.274 million.

We have not identified any other issues in the completion of our work.



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Other area of audit focus

Valuation of Level 2 Investments (Pooled Investments)

What is the risk?

The Fund's investments also include other Pooled Investment vehicles, totalling £2,932 million in the 2021/22 draft accounts. The valuation of such investments are classified under IFRS 13 as Level 2 Investments. As such the valuation of Level 2 investments are based on 'inputs from observable data'. Given this is an estimate, we have raised an Inherent risk in regard to the valuation of assets of this nature.

What did we do and what management judgements did we focus on?

As set out in our Audit Plan, we confirm that we have performed the following procedures:

- ▶ Agreeing 100% of the investments to Custodian and Fund Manager reports
- ▶ Triangulating the valuation from Fund Manager reports, Custodian reports, and accounts for all investments
- ▶ Assessing the competence of Fund Managers as management experts;
- ▶ Obtaining copies of the Fund Managers and Custodian ISAE3402 reports over internal control for any control exceptions raised in relation to the valuation of investments; and
- ▶ For a sample of Level 2 investments, we have tested the values back to independent source data on security pricing
- ▶ We have evaluated the audit report in the financial statements for the relevant Funds in our sample, ensuring there are no matters arising that highlight weaknesses in the funds valuation, or any modification, qualification, emphasis of matter, or issues raised around going concern

What are our conclusions?

Our testing has not identified any material misstatements within the valuation of Level 2 investments.

We have not identified any instances of inappropriate judgements being applied, or bias in the application of assumptions or judgements.



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Other area of audit focus

IAS 26 disclosure - Actuarial Present Value of Promised Retirement Benefits

What is the risk?

The Fund's IAS 26 calculation shows that the present value of promised retirement benefits amount to £5,774 million as at 31 March 2021.

The figure is material and subject to complex estimation techniques and judgements by the Actuary, Hymans Robertson. The estimate is based on a roll-forward of data from the previous triennial valuation in 2019/20, updated where necessary, and has regard to local factors such as mortality rates and expected pay rises along with other assumptions around inflation and investment yields when calculating the liability.

There is a risk that the valuation uses inappropriate assumptions to value the liability as at the 31 March 2022.

What did we do and what management judgements did we focus on?

As set out in our Audit Plan we confirm that we have performed the following procedures:

- ▶ Assessing the competence of management experts, Hymans Robertson;
- ▶ Engaging with the NAO's consulting actuary and our EY Pensions Advisory Team to review the IAS 26 approach applied by the actuary are reasonable and compliant with IAS 26; and
- ▶ Ensuring that the IAS 26 disclosure is in line with the relevant standards and consistent with the valuation provided by the Actuary.

What are our conclusions?

We did not identify any issues with the competence of the actuary, Hymans Robertson.

There were no significant changes in the IAS 26 approach or methodology and the assumptions used in calculating the IAS 26 figure was considered reasonable and compliant with the requirements of the accounting standard.

The disclosure of IAS 26 (Note 20) was in line with the relevant standards and the valuation provided by the Actuary.

We will continue to review the need (up to the date of our audit opinion) for any further disclosure as a Post Balance Sheet Event (adjusting or non-adjusting) to reflect any significant impact on this estimate as a result of the current macro economic environment.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE PENSION FUND'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinion

We have audited the Pension Fund ("the Fund") financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (as amended). The pension fund financial statements comprise the Fund Account, the Net Assets Statement and the related notes 1 to 27.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22.

In our opinion the pension fund financial statements:

- ▶ give a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Fund during the year ended 31 March 2022 and the amount and disposition at that date of the its assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2022; and
- ▶ have been properly prepared in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report below. We are independent of the Council as administering authority for the Pension Fund in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and the Comptroller and Auditor General's AGN01, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Chief Finance Officer's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the authority's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of 12 months from when the Fund's financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Chief Finance Officer with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report. However, because not all future events or conditions can be predicted, this statement is not a guarantee as to the authority's ability to continue as a going concern.



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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the 'Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement 2021-22', other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Chief Finance Officer is responsible for the other information contained within the 'Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement 2021-22'.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in this report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of the other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we report by exception

We report to you if:

- ▶ we issue a report in the public interest under section 24 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (as amended);
- ▶ we make written recommendations to the audited body under Section 24 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (as amended);
- ▶ we make an application to the court for a declaration that an item of account is contrary to law under Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (as amended);
- ▶ we issue an advisory notice under Section 29 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (as amended); or
- ▶ we make an application for judicial review under Section 31 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (as amended).

We have nothing to report in these respects.

Responsibility of the Chief Finance Officer

As explained more fully in the 'Statement of the Responsibilities, Certificate and Approval of Accounts' set out on pages 36 to 37, the Chief Finance Officer is responsible for the preparation of the Authority's Statement of Accounts, which includes the pension fund financial statements, in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22, and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.



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The Chief Finance Officer is also responsible for such internal control as the Chief Finance Officer determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Chief Finance Officer is responsible for assessing the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Administering Authority either intends to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect irregularities, including fraud. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with Chief Finance Officer.

Our approach was as follows:

- ▶ We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the Fund and determined that the most significant are the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 (as amended), and The Public Service Pensions Act 2013.
- ▶ We understood how the Fund is complying with those frameworks by making enquiries of the management. We corroborated this through our reading of the Pension Committee minutes, Pension Fund policies and procedures and other information.
- ▶ Based on this understanding, we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations. Our procedures involved making enquiries of the management for their awareness of any non-compliance of laws or regulations, inspecting correspondence with the Pensions Regulator and review of minutes.
- ▶ We assessed the susceptibility of the Fund's financial statements to material misstatement, including how fraud might occur by considering the key risks impacting the financial statements and documenting the controls that the Fund has established to address risks identified, or that otherwise seek to prevent, deter or detect fraud.



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- ▶ In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override. In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, we tested the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessed whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluated the business rationale of any identified significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business. These procedures were designed to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements were free from fraud or error.
- ▶ To address our fraud risk we tested the consistency of the investment asset valuation from the independent sources of the custodian and the fund managers to the financial statements.
- ▶ The Fund is required to comply with The Local Government Pensions Scheme regulations, other legislation relevant to the governance and administration of the Local Government Pension Scheme and requirements imposed by the Pension Regulator in relation to the Local Government Pension Scheme. As such, we have considered the experience and expertise of the engagement team including the use of specialists where appropriate, to ensure that the team had an appropriate understanding of the relevant pensions regulations to assess the control environment and consider compliance of the Fund with these regulations as part of our audit procedures.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the members of Cambridgeshire County Council, as a body, in accordance with Part 5 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (as amended) and for no other purpose, as set out in paragraph 43 of the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and Audited Bodies published by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Cambridgeshire County Council and its members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



04 Audit Differences



Audit Differences

In the normal course of any audit, we identify misstatements between amounts we believe should be recorded in the financial statements and the disclosures and amounts actually recorded. These differences are classified as “known” or “judgemental”. Known differences represent items that can be accurately quantified and relate to a definite set of facts or circumstances. Judgemental differences generally involve estimation and relate to facts or circumstances that are uncertain or open to interpretation.

Materiality has been set at £43.0 million, which represents 1% of the net assets of the scheme available to fund benefits per the 2021/22 draft financial statements. We will report all uncorrected misstatements relating to the primary statements (Net Assets Statement and Pension Fund Account) greater than £2.2 million.

Summary of adjusted differences

Corrected differences

There have not been any corrected misstatements identified through our audit, with the exception of minor disclosure items.

Disclosure differences

Our audit has identified a limited number of minor misstatements which our team have highlighted to management for amendment. These have been corrected during the course of the audit and relate to disclosure and presentational matters in both the Annual Accounts and Annual Report. We do not consider any of these following misstatements to be so significant as to merit bringing to your attention.

Summary of unadjusted differences

Uncorrected differences

There is one uncorrected misstatement identified through our audit. The Investment asset balance within the Net Assets Statement included a number of estimated asset valuations for Level 3 assets. The value of these assets were based on December 2021 actual valuations adjusted for cashflows to the 31 March 2022. Subsequent to the preparation of the Pension Fund’s Draft Statement of Accounts, actual valuations for these Level 3 assets were provided by the Fund managers for the 31 March 2022. This showed that the Investment asset balance was understated by £10.274 million.

We request that this uncorrected misstatements be corrected, or a rationale as to why it is not corrected, be considered and approved by the Audit and Accounts Committee and provided within the Letter of Representation.



05 Other reporting issues

Other reporting issues

Consistency of other information published with the financial statements, including the Annual Governance Statement

We must give an opinion on the consistency of the financial and non-financial information in the Cambridgeshire Pension Fund Annual Report with the audited financial statements. We have reviewed the Pension Fund Annual Report and are satisfied that it is consistent with the financial statements. We have prepared and will issue a consistency statement to Management alongside our Audit Report.

Other powers and duties

We have a duty under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 to consider whether to report on any matter that comes to our attention in the course of the audit, either for the Authority to consider it or to bring it to the attention of the public (i.e. “a report in the public interest”). We did not identify any issues which required us to issue a report in the public interest.

We also have a duty to make written recommendations to the Authority, copied to the Secretary of State, and take action in accordance with our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. We did not identify any issues.

Other matters

As required by ISA (UK&I) 260 and other ISAs specifying communication requirements, we must tell you significant findings from the audit and other matters if they are significant to your oversight of the Pension Fund’s financial reporting process. They include the following:

- Significant qualitative aspects of accounting practices including accounting policies, accounting estimates and financial statement disclosures;
- Any significant difficulties encountered during the audit;
- Any significant matters arising from the audit that were discussed with management;
- Written representations we have requested;
- Expected modifications to the audit report;
- Any other matters significant to overseeing the financial reporting process;
- Findings and issues around the opening balance on initial audits (if applicable);
- Related parties;
- External confirmations;
- Going concern; and
- Consideration of laws and regulations.

Other than those areas we have outlined in the previous section, we have nothing to report in respect of these matters.



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Assessment of Control Environment



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Financial controls

It is the responsibility of the Pension Fund to develop and implement systems of internal financial control and to put in place proper arrangements to monitor their adequacy and effectiveness in practice. Our responsibility as your auditor is to consider whether the Pension Fund has put adequate arrangements in place to satisfy itself that the systems of internal financial control are both adequate and effective in practice.

As part of our audit of the financial statements, we obtained an understanding of internal control sufficient to plan our audit and determine the nature, timing and extent of testing performed. As we have adopted a fully substantive approach, we have therefore not tested the operation of controls.

Although our audit was not designed to express an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control we are required to communicate to you significant deficiencies in internal control.

We have not identified any significant deficiencies in the design or operation of an internal control that might result in a material misstatement in your financial statements of which you are not aware.



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Independence

Relationships, services and related threats and safeguards

The FRC Ethical Standard requires that we provide details of all relationships between Ernst & Young (EY) and the Pension Fund, and its members and senior management and its affiliates, including all services provided by us and our network to the Pension Fund, its members and senior management and its affiliates, and other services provided to other known connected parties that we consider may reasonably be thought to bear on the our integrity or objectivity, including those that could compromise independence and the related safeguards that are in place and why they address the threats.

There are no relationships from 1 April 2021 to the date of this report, which we consider may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence and objectivity.

Services provided by Ernst & Young

The next page includes a summary of the fees that are due to us in respect of the year ended 31 March 2022, in line with the disclosures set out in FRC Ethical Standard and in statute. Full details of the services that we have provided are shown within that table.

As at the date of this report, there are no future services which have been contracted and no written proposal to provide non-audit services has been submitted. We confirm that we have not undertaken non-audit work.

Other communications

EY Transparency Report 2021

Ernst & Young (EY) has policies and procedures that instil professional values as part of firm culture and ensure that the highest standards of objectivity, independence and integrity are maintained. Details of the key policies and processes in place within EY for maintaining objectivity and independence can be found in our annual Transparency Report which the firm is required to publish by law. The most recent version of this Report is for the year end 30 June 2021:

https://www.ey.com/en_uk/about-us/transparency-report-2021

Relationships, services and related threats and safeguards

Services provided by Ernst & Young

Description	Final Fee 2021/22 £'s	Scale Fee 2021/22 £'s	Final Fee 2020/21 £'s
Total Fee - Code work	17,256	17,256	17,256
Changes in work required to address professional and regulatory requirements and scope associated with risk (Note 1)	TBC	-	56,305
Additional work required for specific additional procedures (including revised estimates standard) (Note 2)	TBC	-	10,674
Additional Audit Fee in respect of work on behalf of Admitted Body auditors (recharged to the Pension Fund) (Note 3)	8,800	-	8,000
Total fees	To be confirmed	17,256	92,235

All fees exclude VAT

Note 1: For 2020/21 and 2021/22 the scale fee has been re-assessed to take into account a number of risk factors in addressing the risk profile of the Pension Fund and additional work to address the increase in regulatory standards. This additional fee is subject to formal approval by PSAA Ltd.

Note 2: In 2020/21, we had to perform additional procedures to address the risks resulting from Covid-19, as well as increased work to address the new ISA540 auditing standard, and involvement of EY experts for assistance on the valuation of Cambridge and Counties Bank. These are subject to formal approval by PSAA Ltd.

We cannot quantify the impact of any work resulting as a response risks in 2021/22 at this point. We will provide an update on the additional fee implications at the conclusion of the audit.

Note 3: We anticipate charging an additional fee of £8,800 in 2021/22 to take into account the additional work required to respond to IAS19 assurance requests from admitted bodies and their auditors. The Pension Fund can recharge this fee to the relevant admitted bodies.



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Appendices

Appendix A

Audit approach update

We summarise below our approach to the audit of the balance sheet and any changes to this approach from the prior year audit.




Our audit procedures are designed to be responsive to our assessed risk of material misstatement at the relevant assertion level. Assertions relevant to the balance sheet include:

- ▶ Existence: An asset, liability and equity interest exists at a given date
- ▶ Rights and Obligations: An asset, liability and equity interest pertains to the entity at a given date
- ▶ Completeness: There are no unrecorded assets, liabilities, and equity interests, transactions or events, or undisclosed items
- ▶ Valuation: An asset, liability and equity interest is recorded at an appropriate amount and any resulting valuation or allocation adjustments are appropriately recorded
- ▶ Presentation and Disclosure: Assets, liabilities and equity interests are appropriately aggregated or disaggregated, and classified, described and disclosed in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework. Disclosures are relevant and understandable in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework

Net Assets Statement category	Audit Approach in current year	Audit Approach in prior year	Explanation for change
Investment Assets and Liabilities	Substantively tested all relevant assertions	Substantively tested all relevant assertions	N/A
Debtors	Immaterial - Substantively tested assertion for presentation and disclosure	Immaterial - Substantively tested assertion for presentation and disclosure	N/A
Cash in hand	Substantively tested all relevant assertions	Substantively tested all relevant assertions	N/A
Creditors	Immaterial - Substantively tested assertion for presentation and disclosure	Immaterial - Substantively tested assertion for presentation and disclosure	N/A

Appendix B





Summary of communications

Date 	Nature 	Summary 
Various	Meetings	Regular calls held with the Audit Manager and members of the management team to discuss matters relevant to the planning of our audit work.
15 July 2022	Report	The Audit Partner issued the Provisional Audit Plan. Our report included confirmation of independence.
29 September 2022	Meeting	The Audit and Accounts Committee were presented with our Provisional Audit Plan and discuss our audit strategy for 2021/22.
Various	Meetings	Regular calls held with management, the Partner and Audit Managers to discuss any emerging issues throughout the audit process, and specifically during the Execution phase throughout August and September.
19 September 2021	Meetings	The Audit Partner and Audit Manager met with senior members of the management team to discuss the Audit Results Report (ISA260).
10 September 2021	Report	The Audit Partner issued the Audit Results Report (ISA260)
24 November 2022	Meeting	The Partner met with the Audit and Accounts Committee and senior members of the management team to discuss the Audit Plan and Audit Results Report (ISA260).





Appendix C

Required communications with the Audit and Accounts Committee

There are certain communications that we must provide to the those charged with governance of UK entities. We have detailed these here together with a reference of when and where they were covered:

		 Our Reporting to you
Required communications	 What is reported?	  When and where
Terms of engagement	Confirmation by the Audit and Accounts Committee of acceptance of terms of engagement as written in the engagement letter signed by both parties.	The statement of responsibilities serves as the formal terms of engagement between the PSAA's appointed auditors and audited bodies
Our responsibilities	Reminder of our responsibilities as set out in the engagement letter.	Provisional Audit Plan - 29 September 2022 - Audit and Accounts Committee / 25 October 2022 - Pension Committee
Planning and audit approach	Communication of the planned scope and timing of the audit, any limitations and the significant risks identified. When communicating key audit matters this includes the most significant risks of material misstatement (whether or not due to fraud) including those that have the greatest effect on the overall audit strategy, the allocation of resources in the audit and directing the efforts of the engagement team.	Provisional Audit Plan - 29 September 2022 - Audit and Accounts Committee / 25 October 2022 - Pension Committee
Significant findings from the audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Our view about the significant qualitative aspects of accounting practices including accounting policies, accounting estimates and financial statement disclosures ▶ Significant difficulties, if any, encountered during the audit ▶ Significant matters, if any, arising from the audit that were discussed with management ▶ Written representations that we are seeking ▶ Expected modifications to the audit report ▶ Other matters if any, significant to the oversight of the financial reporting process 	Audit Results Report - 24 November 2022 - Audit and Accounts Committee





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		 Our Reporting to you
Required communications	 What is reported?	  When and where
Going concern	<p>Events or conditions identified that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Whether the events or conditions constitute a material uncertainty related to going concern ▶ Whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in the preparation and presentation of the financial statements ▶ The appropriateness of related disclosures in the financial statements 	Audit Results Report - 24 November 2022 - Audit and Accounts Committee
Misstatements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Uncorrected misstatements and their effect on our audit opinion, unless prohibited by law or regulation ▶ The effect of uncorrected misstatements related to prior periods ▶ A request that any uncorrected misstatement be corrected ▶ Material misstatements corrected by management 	Audit Results Report - 24 November 2022 - Audit and Accounts Committee
Subsequent events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Enquiry of the Audit and Accounts Committee where appropriate regarding whether any subsequent events have occurred that might affect the financial statements. 	We have asked management and those charged with governance. We have not identified any subsequent events.




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		Our Reporting to you
Required communications	What is reported?	When and where
Fraud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enquiries of the Audit and Accounts Committee to determine whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud affecting the entity Any fraud that we have identified or information we have obtained that indicates that a fraud may exist Unless all of those charged with governance are involved in managing the entity, any identified or suspected fraud involving: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Management; Employees who have significant roles in internal control; or Others where the fraud results in a material misstatement in the financial statements. The nature, timing and extent of audit procedures necessary to complete the audit when fraud involving management is suspected Any other matters related to fraud, relevant to Audit and Accounts Committee responsibility. 	We have asked management and those charged with governance about arrangements to prevent or detect fraud. We have not become aware of any fraud or illegal acts during our audit.
Related parties	<p>Significant matters arising during the audit in connection with the entity's related parties including, when applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-disclosure by management Inappropriate authorisation and approval of transactions Disagreement over disclosures Non-compliance with laws and regulations Difficulty in identifying the party that ultimately controls the entity 	We have no matters to report.
Independence	<p>Communication of all significant facts and matters that bear on EY's, and all individuals involved in the audit, objectivity and independence.</p> <p>Communication of key elements of the audit engagement partner's consideration of independence and objectivity such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The principal threats Safeguards adopted and their effectiveness An overall assessment of threats and safeguards Information about the general policies and process within the firm to maintain objectivity and independence 	<p>Provisional Audit Plan - 29 September 2022 - Audit and Accounts Committee / 25 October 2022 - Pension Committee</p> <p>Audit Results Report - 24 November 2022 - Audit and Accounts Committee</p>

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Required communications	 What is reported?	  When and where
	<p>Communications whenever significant judgements are made about threats to objectivity and independence and the appropriateness of safeguards put in place.</p> <p>For public interest entities and listed companies, communication of minimum requirements as detailed in the FRC Revised Ethical Standard 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Relationships between EY, the company and senior management, its affiliates and its connected parties ▶ Services provided by EY that may reasonably bear on the auditors' objectivity and independence ▶ Related safeguards ▶ Fees charged by EY analysed into appropriate categories such as statutory audit fees, tax advisory fees, other non-audit service fees ▶ A statement of compliance with the Ethical Standard, including any non-EY firms or external experts used in the audit ▶ Details of any inconsistencies between the Ethical Standard and Group's policy for the provision of non-audit services, and any apparent breach of that policy ▶ Where EY has determined it is appropriate to apply more restrictive rules than permitted under the Ethical Standard ▶ The Audit and Accounts Committee should also be provided an opportunity to discuss matters affecting auditor independence 	
External confirmations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Management's refusal for us to request confirmations ▶ Inability to obtain relevant and reliable audit evidence from other procedures. 	We have no matters to report.
Consideration of laws and regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Subject to compliance with applicable regulations, matters involving identified or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations, other than those which are clearly inconsequential and the implications thereof. Instances of suspected non-compliance may also include those that are brought to our attention that are expected to occur imminently or for which there is reason to believe that they may occur ▶ Enquiry of the Audit and Accounts Committee into possible instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that may have a material effect on the financial statements and that the Audit and Accounts Committee may be aware of 	We have asked management and those charged with governance. We have not identified any material instances or non-compliance with laws and regulations.




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		 Our Reporting to you
Required communications	 What is reported?	 When and where
Significant deficiencies in internal controls identified during the audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant deficiencies in internal controls identified during the audit. 	Audit Results Report - 24 November 2022 - Audit and Accounts Committee
Written representations we are requesting from management and/or those charged with governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written representations we are requesting from management and/or those charged with governance 	Audit Results Report - 24 November 2022 - Audit and Accounts Committee
Material inconsistencies or misstatements of fact identified in other information which management has refused to revise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Material inconsistencies or misstatements of fact identified in other information which management has refused to revise 	Audit Results Report - 24 November 2022 - Audit and Accounts Committee
Auditors report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key audit matters that we will include in our auditor's report Any circumstances identified that affect the form and content of our auditor's report 	Audit Results Report - 24 November 2022 - Audit and Accounts Committee

Appendix D

Outstanding matters

The following items relating to the completion of our audit procedures are outstanding at the date of the release of this report:

Item 	Actions to resolve 	Responsibility 
Response to Annual Letter to Internal Audit	Response to Annual Enquiries Letter to Internal Audit	Management
Subsequent events review	Completion of subsequent events procedures to the date of signing the audit report.	EY and Management
Management Representation Letter	Receipt of signed management representation letter.	Management
Agreement of Final set of Accounts	Agree all changes made to draft accounts are updated in the final set of accounts.	EY and Management
Final Review Procedures	Final review of areas listed above.	EY

Until all our audit procedures are complete, we cannot confirm the final form of our audit opinion as new issues may emerge or we may not agree on final detailed disclosures in the Annual Report. At this point no issues have emerged that would cause us to modify our opinion, subject to these final procedures. A draft of the current opinion (with outstanding areas highlighted) is included in Section 3.



Appendix E – Request for a Management Representation Letter

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Dear Tom,

Cambridgeshire Pension Fund – 2021/22 financial year Request for a letter of representation

International Standards on Auditing set out guidance on the use by auditors of management representations (ISA (UK&I) 580) and on possible non-compliance with laws and regulations (ISA (UK&I) 250). I have interpreted this guidance as it affects Local Government bodies and I expect the following points to apply:

- auditors may wish to obtain written representation where they are relying on management's representations in respect of judgemental matters (for example the level of likely incidence of a claim), which may not be readily corroborated by other evidence;
- auditors are likely to request written representations on the completeness of information provided;
- auditors may wish to obtain written representation on issues other than those directly related to the Statement of Accounts;
- the letter is dated on the date on which the auditor signs the opinion and certificate;
- the letter is signed by the person or persons with specific responsibility for the financial statements; and
- the letter is formally acknowledged as having been discussed and approved by the Audit Committee, as those charged with governance of the Pension Fund.

I would expect the letter of representation to include the following matters.

General statement

That the letter of representations is provided in connection with our audit of the financial statements of Cambridgeshire Pension Fund ("the Fund") for the year ended 31 March 2022.

That you recognise that obtaining representations from you concerning the information contained in this letter is a significant procedure in enabling us to form an opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the Fund during the period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022 and of the amount and disposition of the Fund's assets and liabilities as at 31 March 2022, other than liabilities to pay pensions and benefits after the end of the period, have been properly prepared in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22.

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That you understand that the purpose of our audit of the Fund's financial statements is to express an opinion thereon and that our audit was conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK), which involves an examination of the accounting system, internal control and related data to the extent we considered necessary in the circumstances, and is not designed to identify - nor necessarily be expected to disclose - all fraud, shortages, errors and other irregularities, should any exist.

Accordingly, you make the following representations, which are true to the best of your knowledge and belief, having made such inquiries as you considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing yourselves:

A. Financial Statements and Financial Records (See Note B)

1. That you have fulfilled our responsibilities, under the relevant statutory authorities, for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and CIPFA LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22.
2. That you confirm that the Fund is a Registered Pension Scheme. You are not aware of any reason why the tax status of the scheme should change.
3. That you acknowledge, as members of management of the Fund, your responsibility for the fair presentation of the financial statements. You believe the financial statements referred to above give a true and fair view of the financial position and the financial performance of the Fund in accordance with the CIPFA LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22, and are free of material misstatements, including omissions. That you have approved the financial statements.
4. That the significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are appropriately described in the financial statements.
5. As members of management of the Fund, you believe that the Fund has a system of internal controls adequate to enable the preparation of accurate financial statements in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22 that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
6. That you have disclosed to us any significant changes in your processes, controls, policies and procedures that you have made to address the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on your system of internal controls.
7. That you have disclosed to us any significant changes in our processes, controls, policies and procedures that you have made to address the effects of the conflict and related sanctions in Ukraine, Russia and/or Belarus on your system of internal controls. That you do not believe that there are any significant changes.
8. That you believe that the effects of any unadjusted audit differences, summarised in the Audit Results Report, accumulated by us during the current audit and pertaining to the latest period presented are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.



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That you have not corrected these differences identified and brought to your attention by us because (please specify the reasons for not correcting the misstatements).

Or,

That there are no unadjusted audit differences.

B. Non-compliance with laws and regulations including fraud

1. That you acknowledge that you are responsible for determining that the Fund's activities are conducted in accordance with laws and regulations and that you are responsible for identifying and addressing any non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.
2. That you acknowledge that you are responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal controls to prevent and detect fraud.
3. That you have disclosed to us the results of your assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
4. That you have not made any reports to The Pensions Regulator, nor are you aware of any such reports having been made by any of your advisors.
5. That there have been no other communications with The Pensions Regulator or other regulatory bodies during the Fund year or subsequently concerning matters of non-compliance with any legal duty. That you have drawn to our attention all correspondence and notes of meetings with regulators (if applicable).
6. That you have no knowledge of any identified or suspected non-compliance with laws or regulations, including fraud that may have affected the Fund (regardless of the source or form and including without limitation, any allegations by "whistleblowers"), including non-compliance matters:
 - Involving financial improprieties
 - Related to laws or regulations that have a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the Fund's financial statements
 - Related to laws and regulations that have an indirect effect on amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, but compliance with which may be fundamental to the operations of the Fund, its ability to continue, or to avoid material penalties
 - Involving management, or employees who have significant roles in internal control, or others
 - In relation to any allegations of fraud, suspected fraud or other non-compliance with laws and regulations communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others.



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C. Information Provided and Completeness of Information and Transactions

1. That you have provided us with:

- Access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements such as records, documentation and other matters.
- Additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of the audit.
- Unrestricted access to persons within the entity from whom we determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

2. That we have been informed of all changes to the Fund rules.

3. That all material transactions, events and conditions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the Group and Council financial statements, including those related to the COVID-19 pandemic and to the conflict and related sanctions in Ukraine, Russia and/or Belarus.

4. That you have made available to us all minutes of the meetings of members of the management of the Fund and committees of members of the management of the Fund (or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared) held through the period to the most recent meeting on the following date (X February 2023).

5. That you confirm the completeness of information provided regarding the identification of related parties. You have disclosed to us the identity of the Fund's related parties and all related party relationships and transactions of which you are aware, including sales, purchases, loans, transfers of assets, liabilities and services, leasing arrangements, guarantees, non-monetary transactions and transactions for no consideration for the period ended, as well as related balances due to or from such parties at the period end. These transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements.

6. That you confirm the completeness of information provided regarding annuities held in the name of the members of the management of the Fund.

Where members of the management of the Fund have determined that annuity policies are not material the following statement may be added: The Scheme holds annuity policies which have not been recognised and recorded as an asset of the Scheme in the financial statements as they are not considered material in relation to the net assets. These policies have an estimated value of £xxx.

7. That you have disclosed to us, and the Fund has complied with, all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance, including all covenants, conditions or other requirements of all outstanding debt.

8. No transactions have been made which are not in the interests of the Fund members or the Fund during the fund year or subsequently.

9. That you believe that the significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.



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10. That from the date of your last management representation letter to us, through the date of this letter you have disclosed to us any unauthorized access to your information technology systems that either occurred or to the best of your knowledge is reasonably likely to have occurred based on your investigation, including of reports submitted to you by third parties (including regulatory agencies, law enforcement agencies and security consultants), to the extent that such unauthorized access to your information technology systems is reasonably likely to have a material impact to the financial statements, in each case or in the aggregate.

D. Liabilities and Contingencies

1. All liabilities and contingencies, including those associated with guarantees, whether written or oral, have been disclosed to us and are appropriately reflected in the financial statements.
2. You have informed us of all outstanding and possible litigation and claims, whether or not they have been discussed with legal counsel.
3. You have recorded and/or disclosed, as appropriate, all liabilities relating to litigation and claims, both actual and contingent, and have disclosed in Note [X] to the financial statements all guarantees that we have given to third parties.
4. No other claims in connection with litigation have been or are expected to be received.

E. Subsequent Events

1. That other than the disclosure described in Note 6 (Events after the balance sheet date) to the Group and Council's financial statements, there have been no events, including events related to the COVID-19 pandemic, or related to the conflict and related sanctions in Ukraine, Russia and/or Belarus, subsequent to period end which require adjustment of or disclosure in the financial statements or notes thereto.

F. Other information

1. You acknowledge your responsibility for the preparation of the other information. The other information comprises the "Cambridgeshire Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2021/22".
2. You confirm that the content contained within the other information is consistent with the financial statements.

G. Independence

1. You confirm that, under section 27 of the Pensions Act 1995, no members of the management of the Fund of the Scheme is connected with, or is an associate of, Ernst & Young LLP which would render Ernst & Young LLP ineligible to act as auditor to the Scheme.

H. Derivative Financial Instruments

1. You confirm that all investments in derivative financial instruments have been made after due consideration by the members of the management of the Fund of the limitations in their use imposed by The LGPS Management and Investment of Funds Regulations 2016.



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The Fund's Investment Strategy Statement has been duly reviewed to ensure that such investments comply with any limitations imposed by its provisions. The financial statements disclose all transactions in derivative financial instruments that have been entered into during the period, those still held by the members of the management of the Fund at the Fund's year end and the terms and conditions relating thereto.

2. Management has duly considered and deemed as appropriate the assumptions and methodologies used in the valuation of 'over the counter' derivative financial instruments which the Fund is holding, and these have been communicated to you.

I. Pooling investments, including the use of collective investment vehicles and shared services

1. You confirm that all investments in pooling arrangements, including the use of collective investment vehicles and shared services, meet the criteria set out in the November 2015 investment reform and criteria guidance and that the requirements of the LGPS Management and Investment of Funds Regulations 2016 in respect of these investments has been followed.

J. Actuarial valuation

1. The latest report of the actuary [Name] as at [Date] and dated [Date] has been provided to us. To the best of your knowledge and belief you confirm that the information supplied by you to the actuary was true and that no significant information was omitted which may have a bearing on his report.

K. Use of the Work of a Specialist

1. You agree with the findings of the specialists that you have engaged to value Private Equity Investments / IAS26 disclosures and have adequately considered the qualifications of the specialists in determining the amounts and disclosures included in the financial statements and the underlying accounting records. You did not give or cause any instructions to be given to the specialists with respect to the values or amounts derived in an attempt to bias their work, and you are not otherwise aware of any matters that have had an effect on the independence or objectivity of the specialists.

L. Estimates

Valuation of Investments

1. You believe that the measurement processes, including related assumptions and models, used to determine the accounting estimate(s) have been consistently applied and are appropriate in the context of the applicable financial reporting framework (the CIPFA LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22).
2. You confirm that the significant assumptions used in making the valuation of investments appropriately reflect your intent and ability to carry out specific courses of action on behalf of the entity.
3. You confirm that the disclosures made in the financial statements with respect to the accounting estimate(s) are complete including the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, or related to the conflict and related sanctions in Ukraine, Russia and/or Belarus on the valuation of investments and made in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.



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4. You confirm that no adjustments are required to the accounting estimate(s) and disclosures in the financial statements due to subsequent events, including due to the COVID-19 pandemic, or related to the conflict and related sanctions in Ukraine, Russia and/or Belarus.

M. Going Concern

1. That Note 2 to the financial statements discloses all the matters of which you are aware that are relevant to the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern, including significant conditions and events, your plans for future action, and the feasibility of those plans.

N. Specific Representations

We do not require any further specific representations in addition to those above.

I would be grateful if you could provide a letter of representation, which is appropriately signed and dated (by the Fund Administrator, Chair of the Pension Committee and Chair of Audit Committee) on the proposed audit opinion date (to be confirmed with you) on formal headed paper.

Yours sincerely

Mark Hodgson
Associate Partner
For and on behalf of Ernst & Young LLP

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