

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Certificate of completion of the audit**

We certify that we have completed the audit of the financial statements of Essex County Council for the year ended 31 March 2019 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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David Eagles, Partner  
For and on behalf of BDO LLP, Appointed Auditor  
Ipswich, UK

16 September 2019

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