



**Shropshire  
County  
Pension Fund**

Administered by  
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DATE:

Dear Grant Thornton UK LLP

**Shropshire County Pension Fund**

**Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2026**

This representation letter is provided in connection with the audit of the financial statements of Pension Fund Test 1 (the "Fund") for the year ended 31 March 2026 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the Fund financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2025/26 and applicable law.

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves:

**Financial Statements**

- i. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and Audited Bodies published by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited, for the preparation of the Fund's financial statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, International Financial Reporting Standards and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2025/26 ("the Code"); in particular the financial statements are fairly presented in accordance therewith.
- ii. We have complied with the requirements of all statutory directions affecting the Fund and these matters have been appropriately reflected and disclosed in the financial statements.
- iii. 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. There has been no non-compliance with requirements of any regulatory authorities that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance.
- iv. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.

- v. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable. Such accounting estimates include level 2 and level 3 investments. We are satisfied that the material judgements used in the preparation of the financial statements are soundly based, in accordance with the Code and adequately disclosed in the financial statements. We understand our responsibilities include identifying and considering alternative, methods, assumptions or source data that would be equally valid under the financial reporting framework, and why these alternatives were rejected in favour of the estimate used. During the year we evaluated our estimation process for level 2 and level 3 investments and no change to estimation process were made. We are satisfied that the methods, the data and the significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates and their related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement or disclosure that is reasonable in accordance with the Code and adequately disclosed in the financial statements.
- vi. Except as disclosed in the financial statements:
  - a. there are no unrecorded liabilities, actual or contingent;
  - b. none of the assets of the Fund has been assigned, pledged or mortgaged; and
  - c. there are no material prior year charges or credits, nor exceptional or non-recurring items requiring separate disclosure.
- vii. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards and the Code.
- viii. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which International Financial Reporting Standards and the Code require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- ix. We have considered the prior year unadjusted misstatements schedule included in your Audit Findings Report and attached to this letter. We have not adjusted the financial statements for these misstatements brought to our attention as they are immaterial to the results of the Fund and its financial position at the year-end. The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.
- x. Actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards.
- xi. We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
- xii. We have updated our going concern assessment. We continue to believe that the Fund's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis and have not identified any material uncertainties related to going concern on the grounds that that:
  - a. the nature of the Fund means that, notwithstanding any intention to liquidate the Fund or cease its operations in their current form, it will continue to be appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting because, in such an event, services it performs can be expected to continue to be delivered by related public authorities and preparing the financial statements on a going concern basis will still provide a faithful representation of the items in the financial statements

- b. the financial reporting framework permits the Fund to prepare its financial statements on the basis of the presumption set out under a) above; and
- c. the Fund's system of internal control has not identified any events or conditions relevant to going concern.

We believe that no further disclosures relating to the Fund's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

#### **Information Provided**

xiii. We have provided you with:

- a. 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;
- b. additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of your audit; and
- c. unrestricted access to persons within the Fund from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.

xiv. We have communicated to you all deficiencies in internal control of which management is aware.

xv. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.

xvi. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.

xvii. We have disclosed to you all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects the Fund, and involves:

- a. management;
- b. employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
- c. others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.

xviii. We have disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others.

xix. We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.

xx. We have drawn to your attention all correspondence and notes of meetings with regulators.

xxi. We have drawn to your attention all correspondence with The Pensions Regulator confirmed to us by all of our other advisors.

xxii. We have disclosed to you the identity of the Fund's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.

xxiii. We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

**Approval**

The approval of this letter of representation was minuted by the Fund's Pension Committee at its meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026.

Yours faithfully

Name: Duncan Whitfield

Position: s151 Officer

Date:

Signed:

Signed on behalf of the Fund

Name: Gary Groves

Position: Chair of Pension Committee

Date:

Signed:

Signed on behalf of the Fund

## Appendix 1 – Prior Year Unadjusted Misstatements

### Unadjusted misstatements

This is a summary of unadjusted misstatements identified during the audit. We are required to report all non-trivial misstatements to those charged with governance.

| Adjustment ref. | Detail                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Pension Fund Account |              | Net Asset Statement £'000 |              | Impact on total net assets £'000 | Reason for not adjusting                     |
|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
|                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Debit £'000          | Credit £'000 | Debit £'000               | Credit £'000 |                                  |                                              |
|                 | Total net assets per final accounts                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                      |              |                           |              | 2,626,399                        |                                              |
| 1               | Differences identified between the value of investments disclosed in the financial statements that are based on estimated value at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025, compared to the Actual investment valuation statement received following accounts preparation. The draft financial statement investment balance is £4.489m lower based on the estimated value compared to if actual investment value |                      | 4,489        | 4,489                     |              | 4,489                            | Not material qualitatively or quantitatively |