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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EASTLEIGH BOROUGH
COUNCIL**

Issue of audit opinion on the financial statements

In our audit report for the year ended 31 March 2025 issued on 12 February 2026 we reported that we could not express an opinion on the financial statements.

Certificate

In our report dated 12 February 2026, we explained that we could not formally conclude the audit and issue an audit certificate until the NAO as group auditor has confirmed that no further assurances will be required from us as component auditors of Eastleigh Borough Council. This confirmation has now been received.

No matters have come to our attention since that date that would have resulted in additional exception reporting on significant weaknesses in the Council's value for money arrangements.

We certify that we have completed the audit of the accounts of Eastleigh Borough Council 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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30 June 2026