

Members of the Audit Committee Durham County Council County Hall Durham DH15UE

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**Dear Members** 

## Conclusion of pending matters – Durham County Pension Fund Audit Completion Report

As required by International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland), I am writing to communicate the conclusion of those matters that are marked as outstanding on page 2 of our Audit Completion Report which we will be presenting to the Audit Committee on 30 September 2013.

The outstanding matters and the conclusions reached are detailed in the table below.

| Outstanding matter                 | Conclusion reached  |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Purchases and sales of investments | Testing has been completed and highlighted<br>the need for amendments to Note 15<br>Investments - 'Reconciliation of Movements<br>in Investments 2012/13' as a result of errors<br>in accounting for the transfer of investments<br>from one fund manager to another.<br>Purchases amended from £5,990 million to<br>£5,711 million and Sales from £5,945million<br>to £5,665million. |
|                                    | In addition, a net amount of £0.81m has<br>been allocated to loss on sale of investments<br>which represents differences in trades<br>caused by foreign exchanges and other<br>sundry items. We have been unable to agree<br>this amount to the custodians report as it is<br>spread over a number of accounts.   |
| Annual report checking             | Testing completed and no matters to report to members.  |

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| Checking the revised statement of accounts | The revised statements have been checked<br>and agreed. Amendment made to Note 16<br>comparatives for valuation of Financial<br>instruments carried at Fair value. No further<br>matters to report to members. |

If you wish to discuss these or any other points discussed at the meeting then please do not hesitate to contact me or Catherine Banks. (<u>Catherine.Banks@mazars.co.uk</u>).

Yours sincerely

## Cameron Waddell

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cc Mr Don McLure, Corporate Director Resources