

Audit Completion Certificate issued to the Members of Hartlepool Borough Council for the year ended 31 March 2025

In our auditor's report dated 25 February 2026, we explained that the audit could not be formally concluded until we had completed the work required in relation to consolidation returns and received confirmation from the National Audit Office (NAO) that the group audit of the Whole of Government Accounts had been completed and that no further work was required to be completed by us.

This work has now been completed following confirmation from the National Audit Office that the group audit of the Whole of Government Account has been completed and no further work is required to be completed by us.

Certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of Hartlepool Borough Council for the year ended 31 March 2025 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.

Signed by:

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20 July 2026