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**Dear Members** 

## East Sussex County Council - Certification of claims and returns - annual report 2015/16

Public Sector Audit Appointments requires its external auditors to prepare an annual report on the claims and returns certified for each audited body. This letter is our annual report for the certification work we have undertaken for 2015/16.

In 2015/16 we did not carry out any certification work under the PSAA. We were engaged by management to carry out work to certify 2 returns outside of the PSAA. We provided;

- An Independent Assurance Report relating to the Councils National College for Teaching and Leadership Annual Grant Report (NCTL); and
- An Independent Accountants Report relating to the Councils Teachers' Pension Authority EOYCa Return (TPA).

## **Matters arising**

Our work did not identify any issues or errors.

There were no recommendations made last year and there are no further matters to report to you regarding our certification work.



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## **Certification work fees**

We have not received any fees for certification work in 2015/16 through the PSAA. We agreed separate fee's with management relating to the NCTL and TPA returns; the fee's for these returns were £2,000 and £4,000 respectively.

Yours sincerely



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