## Audit Completion Certificate issued to the Members of the North East Combined Authority as successor body of the North East Combined Authority for the extended year ended 6 May 2024

In our auditor's report dated 26 February 2025, we explained that the audit could not be formally concluded until we had completed the work necessary to issue our assurance statement in respect of the Authority's Whole of Government Accounts consolidation pack.

We have received a confirmation from the National Audit Office that it will not require auditors to provide any further assurances or additional procedures as part of the 2023/24 local government audits.

## Certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of the North East Combined Authority and Group for the extended year ended 6 May 2024 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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