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Dear Grant Thornton UK LLP

**London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025**

This representation letter is provided in connection with the audit of the financial statements of London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham ("the Authority") for the year ended 31 March 2025 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the Authority financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2024-25 and applicable law.

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves:

Financial Statements

- i. We have fulfilled our responsibilities, as set out in the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and Audited Bodies published by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited, for the preparation of the Authority's financial statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, International Financial Reporting Standards and the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2024-25 ("the Code"); in particular the financial statements are fairly presented in accordance therewith.
- ii. We have complied with the requirements of all statutory directions affecting the Authority and these matters have been appropriately reflected and disclosed in the financial statements.
- iii. The Authority has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance. There has been no non-compliance with requirements of any regulatory authorities that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance.
- iv. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- v. Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable. Such accounting estimates include valuation of land and building, including Council Dwellings, Right of Use Assets and Investment Properties, the assumptions used in the valuation of net defined benefit liability, the valuation and completeness of provisions, completeness and accuracy of lease liability and expected credit loss allowances in respect of short and long-term debtors. We are satisfied that the material judgements used in the preparation of the financial statements are soundly based, in accordance with the Code and adequately disclosed in the financial statements. We understand our responsibilities includes identifying and considering alternative, methods, assumptions or source data that would be equally valid under the financial

reporting framework, and why these alternatives were rejected in favour of the estimate used. We are satisfied that the methods, the data and the significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates and their related disclosures are appropriate to achieve recognition, measurement or disclosure that is reasonable in accordance with the Code and adequately disclosed in the financial statements.

- vi. We confirm that we are satisfied that the actuarial assumptions underlying the valuation of pension scheme assets and liabilities for International Accounting Standard 19 Employee Benefits disclosures are consistent with our knowledge. We confirm that all settlements and curtailments have been identified and properly accounted for. We also confirm that all significant post-employment benefits have been identified and properly accounted for.
- vii. Except as disclosed in the financial statements:
 - a. there are no unrecorded liabilities, actual or contingent;
 - b. none of the assets of the Authority has been assigned, pledged or mortgaged; and
 - c. there are no material prior year charges or credits, nor exceptional or non-recurring items requiring separate disclosure.
- viii. Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards and the Code.
- ix. All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which International Financial Reporting Standards and the Code require adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- x. We have considered the unadjusted misstatements schedule included in your Audit Findings Report and attached to this letter. We have not adjusted the financial statements for these misstatements brought to our attention as they are immaterial to the results of the Authority and its financial position at the year-end. The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.
- xi. Actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards.
- xii. RAAC - We have considered the impact of reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) on our financial statements. We have no knowledge of any material events or circumstances that would require adjustments to be made to our financial statements
- xiii. Equal Pay – We have considered the impact of equal pay claims on our financial statements. We have no knowledge of any material events or circumstances that would require additional disclosures or adjustments to be made to our financial statements related to equal pay.
- xiv. The senior employees pay disclosure is complete, accurate and in line with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.
- xv. The Authorities Investment in it's Joint venture, West King Street Renewal LLP, and the amount of debtor balances owed by the joint venture to the Authority are fully recoverable and there are no indicators of its impairment that we are aware of.
- xvi. We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
- xvii. We have updated our going concern assessment. We continue to believe that the Authority's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis and have not identified any material uncertainties related to going concern on the grounds that:
 - a. the nature of the Authority means that, notwithstanding any intention to cease its operations in their current form, it will continue to be appropriate to adopt the going concern basis of accounting because, in such an event, services it performs can be expected to continue to be delivered by related public authorities and preparing the financial statements on a going

concern basis will still provide a faithful representation of the items in the financial statements;

- b. the financial reporting framework permits the Authority to prepare its financial statements on the basis of the presumption set out under a) above; and
- c. the Authority's system of internal control has not identified any events or conditions relevant to going concern.

We believe that no further disclosures relating to the Authority's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements

- xviii. We have considered whether accounting transactions have complied with the requirements of the Local Government Housing Act 1989 in respect of the Housing Revenue Account ring-fence.
- xix. The Authority has complied with all aspects of ring-fenced grants that could have a material effect on the Authority's financial statements in the event of non-compliance.

Information Provided

- xx. We have provided you with:
 - a. access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the Authority's financial statements such as records, documentation and other matters;
 - b. additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of your audit; and
 - c. access to persons within the Authority from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- xxi. We have communicated to you all deficiencies in internal control of which management is aware.
- xxii. All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- xxiii. We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- xxiv. We have disclosed to you all information in relation to fraud or suspected fraud that we are aware of and that affects the Authority and involves:
 - a. management;
 - b. employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
 - c. others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- xxv. We have disclosed to you all information in relation to allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, analysts, regulators or others.
- xxvi. We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- xxvii. We have disclosed to you the identity of the Authority's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- xxviii. We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

Annual Governance Statement

- xxix. We are satisfied that the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) fairly reflects the Authority's risk assurance and governance framework and we confirm that we are not aware of any significant risks that are not disclosed within the AGS.

Narrative Report

xxx. The disclosures within the Narrative Report fairly reflect our understanding of the Authority's financial and operating performance over the period covered by the Authority's financial statements.

Approval

The approval of this letter of representation was minuted by the Authority's Audit Committee at its meeting on 27 October 2025.

Yours faithfully

Name: Cllr. Patrick Walsh

Position: Chair, Audit Committee

Date: 27/10/2025

Name: Sukvinder Kalsi

Position: Executive Director of Finance & Corporate Services

Date: 27/10/2025

Signed on behalf of the Authority

Schedule of unadjusted misstatements

Sr.No	Detail	Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement £'000	Balance Sheet £'000	Impact on total net expenditure £'000	Impact on general fund £'000
1	From our work on bank payments completeness testing, we identified a net overstatement of capital expenditure by £1,570,886. The net impact is an overstatement which predominantly impacts AUC/PPE with the other side of the transaction having an impact on prepayments where the amount paid should have been recognised. The Council does not deem this to be material to require any further adjustments.	Nil	Dr Prepayments 1,571 Cr Assets under Construction 1,571	Nil	Nil
2	Incorrect rental figures were used on one asset within an Investment Property asset. Were the correct figure used, the update would lead to a change in valuation of the asset from £7.7m to £8.9m. Since the differential is not material therefore it has not been adjusted for.	Cr Interest and Investment income 1,162	Dr Investment Properties 1,162	Nil	Nil
3	We identified that the PFI liability is understated by £1m due to the fact that it is not explicitly mentioned in the models whether the contingent rent/indexation relates entirely to service charge or lease rental and hence for the calculation purposes as part of the IFRS-16 transition adjustment, our internal modelling team has applied the indexation change upon lease rental since 2015/16 when the contract change happened for which they have used a cumulative	Nil	Dr Right of use Asset 1,038 Cr PFI Liability 1,038	Nil	Nil

	impact of 24.4% in relation to indexation applicable upon the rental charge. The misstatement is less than PM and hence no further work is performed.				
	Overall impact of current year unadjusted misstatements	1,162	1,162	Nil	Nil

4) West King Street Renewal the Council's JV has recognised a £6.2m provision for penalty clauses that the Council may exercise. The Council has not recognised a corresponding debtor, as it is still evaluating whether to exercise this option. We note depending on the decision taken by management this could be deemed a misstatement.