

	Combined Authority	Pension Fund
Those charged with governance	On 8 December 2017, as permitted by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the WMCA Board amended the Constitution to delegate the accounts approval process to the Audit, Risk & Assurance Committee (ARAC). We therefore consider ARAC are those charged with governance.	
Final overall materiality	There were no changes in materiality benchmarks or other planning assumptions following receipt of financial statements.	
	£4.634m Being 1.8% of the Authority's gross operating expenses	£5.029m Being 1% of the Fund's net assets
Separate materiality levels	Disclosures of senior manager remuneration (£100k.)	None were set.
Significant risks	<p>Improper revenue recognition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This was rebutted and our audit work did not identify any issues to require us to reconsider the rebuttal. <p>Management over-ride of control</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our audit work has not identified any issues in respect of management override of controls. 	
	<p>Valuation of pension fund net liability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our audit work has not identified any issues in respect of the pension fund net liability. 	<p>Level 3 Investments Valuation is incorrect</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have concluded that the valuation is reasonable and not materially misstated
Financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One material misclassification adjustment. Minor changes made to correct typographical errors and to ensure consistency with reporting guidance. All work completed other than closure matters. No material adjustments No unadjusted misstatements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minor changes made to correct typographical errors and to ensure consistency with reporting guidance. All work completed other than closure matters. No material adjustments No unadjusted misstatements
Opinion on the accounts	<p>Unqualified opinion to be issued</p> <p>In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority as at 31 March 2018 and of its expenditure and income for the year then ended;</p>	<p>Unqualified opinion to be issued</p> <p>In our opinion the pension fund financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial transactions of the pension fund during the year ended 31 March 2018 and of the amount and disposition at that date of the fund's assets and liabilities,</p>
Statutory duties	<p>No matters to report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have not exercised any of our additional statutory powers or duties. 	
Other Information	<p>Unqualified opinion to be issued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other information published with the financial statements, which includes the Statement of Accounts, Annual Governance Statement (AGS) and Narrative Report are consistent with our knowledge of your organisation and the financial statements we have audited. 	
VFM risks identified	<p>Unqualified conclusion to be issued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Authority had proper arrangements in all significant respects to ensure it delivered value for money in its use of resources. 	Not Applicable
Issue of closure certificate	We do not expect to be able to certify the completion of the 2017/18 audit of West Midlands Combined Authority pending the completion of our work on Whole of Government Account and due to the pension fund annual report not being available as at the time of writing	
Independence	We confirm that there are no significant facts or matters that impact on our independence as auditors that we are required or wish to draw to your attention. We have complied with the Financial Reporting Authority's Ethical Standard and confirm that we, as a firm, and each covered person, are independent and are able to express an objective opinion on the financial statements	
Planned Audit fees (ex VAT)	46,500	21,000
Final Audit fees (ex VAT)	46,500	21,000
Fees for other services	2,750	NIL