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**Audit Completion Certificate issued to the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner
for Essex in respect of the year ended 31 March 2025**

In our Audit Report dated 23 February 2026, we explained that we could not formally conclude the audit and issue an audit certificate until the NAO as group auditor has confirmed that no further assurances will be required from us as component auditors of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex.

This confirmation has now been received.

No matters have come to our attention since that date that would have resulted in exception reporting on significant weaknesses in the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex's Value for Money arrangements.

Audit completion certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of the accounts of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex 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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