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The Treasurer.  
Cleveland Fire Authority,  
Fire Brigade Headquarters,  
Endeavour House,  
Stockton Road,  
Hartlepool.

Dear Sir,

### **Internal Audit Outcomes for 2025/26**

From the work undertaken during the year 2025/26, Internal Audit has reached the opinion that key systems are operating soundly and that there is no fundamental breakdown in controls resulting in material discrepancy. Satisfactory arrangements were implemented to ensure the effective, efficient and economic operation of Cleveland Fire Authority's financial affairs.

No system of control can provide absolute assurance against material misstatement or loss, nor can Internal Audit give that assurance; this statement is intended to provide reasonable assurance.

These risks are reflected in the audit plan and are the subject of separate reports issued during the course of 2025/26.

Yours Faithfully,

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Head of Audit and Governance