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Auditors Report and Opinion

Applicant Name: New Model in Technology & Engineering (NMiTE)

Grant Name: NMiTE Grant Determination (2017/18): Nos 31/3151 and 31/3152

1. We have examined the NMiTE Grant Determination (2017/18): Nos 31/3151 and 31/3152. We have examined the records of NMiTE as necessary and obtained such explanations and carried out such tests as we consider necessary.
2. To the best of our knowledge and belief, and having carried out appropriate investigations and checks, in our opinion, with the exception of Appendix C and in significant respects only, the conditions attached to NMiTE Nos 31/3151 and 31/3152 have been complied with.

We can confirm that:

- a. During the period from the issue of Instalments 3 and 4 through to 10th July 2019, NMiTE has incurred and defrayed monies in accordance with NMiTE Flow-Through Agreement dated 18 Jan 2018-
 - Appendix A - Grant Determinations
 - Appendix B - Payment Schedule
 - Appendix D - Memorandum of Understanding between The Secretary of State for the Department of Education, Herefordshire Council and NMiTE for 2017/18-2019/20
- b. Only eligible expenditure has been included.
- c. NMiTE have undertaken to keep all original papers connected with payments and receipts relating to this Grant in an accessible place so that they can be referred to or inspected for 6 years from the date of the final payment of grant.

Qualification

This report provides an audit opinion from Herefordshire Council's chief internal auditor that only partial assurance can be provided that, in all material respects, the NMiTE Flow-Through Agreement dated 18 January 2018 has been complied with in accordance with the definitions and conditions contained therein for Appendix C.

We remain concerned with compliance to the conditions outlined within Appendix C- Conditions of Payment and Milestones, due to a number of issues highlighted from our audit work conducted throughout the last year. We would like to see further evidence underpinning the HM Treasury Guidance on Managing Public Money via the use of an effective control framework following value for money (vfm) principles in support of effective management of public money.

Further, we have some concern with regard to the lack of detailed evidence supplied in support of achievement of each and every milestone cited within NMiTE Capital Grant Determination (2017/18): No 31/3151 and NMiTE Revenue Grant Determination (2017/18): No 31/3152 grant conditions and also the lack of continuity in financial reporting over the last year.

Finally, we remain concerned on how spend on consultants; calculations made to monetise volunteering and partnerships and what is being raised as financial donations is being reported accurately on a monthly basis.

I confirm that I hold the appropriate qualification to complete the report and am independent of the expenditure being claimed.

Signature:



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Statement of Responsibility

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