



## County Water Directors' Certificate 2025-26

As required under condition P9 of its instrument of Appointment the Directors of County Water Ltd confirm:

- 1) That in the opinion of the Directors the Appointee will have available to it sufficient financial resources, facilities and systems of planning and internal control to enable it to carry out, for at least the next 12 months, the Regulated Activities (including the investment programme necessary to fulfil the Appointee's obligations under the Appointment);
- 2) That in the opinion of the Directors the Appointee will, for at least the next 12 months, have available to it management resources which are sufficient to enable it to carry out those functions; and
- 3) That in the opinion of the Directors, all contracts entered into with any Associated Company include all necessary provisions and requirements concerning the standard of service to be supplied to the Appointee, to ensure that it is able to meet all its obligations as a water and sewerage undertaker.
- 4) That in the opinion of the Directors, the data and information which the company has provided to Ofwat in the reporting year and/or which they have published in their role as water and sewerage undertaker was accurate and complete. As a single area NAV, County Water is sufficiently small to enable the appropriate oversight from the board of the operations of the company.

The main factors that the Directors have taken into account in giving this certificate are:

### 1) Financial resources

- Long term financial forecasts as detailed in the financial models submitted by County Water Ltd to Ofwat as part of the inset application.
- Support will be provided by other companies within the Dorchester (Heyford Park) LLP Group to enable it to meet its liabilities as they fall due. Specifically Dorchester Living Limited has made available a £1m loan facility to County Water Limited. The current drawn amount is £0.22m The undrawn amount represents over three years' projected expenditure.



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### 2) Management resources

- County Water Ltd has an experienced senior management team with experience of the water industry. This is inclusive of working for incumbent sewerage undertakers. The Directors confirm that the data and information provided to Ofwat in the reporting year was accurate and complete. The Executive Directors work closely with the management team to review the operations. In addition, the Board commissioned and reviewed a performance review by external contractor BLBB Limited to assess the effective operation of the plant which was overseen by Non-Executive Director William Lilly. No audit was deemed necessary based on the small size of the company.

### 3) Associated company contracts

- County Water Ltd will have some contracts with Associated companies and these contracts will comply with the standards of service that are required by the Appointee.

**Approved by Directors on: 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026      and signed by:**

**Paul Silver, Director, For and on behalf of the Board**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Paul Silver", written over a horizontal dotted line.