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Joint statement from the members of the Public Audit Forum

Over the past two years, Members of the Forum have promoted collaboration between our institutions as we responded to the challenges presented by the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic across our respective remits and territories, both through our programmes of work and as we changed our own ways of working. Our work has been stronger as a result. Together, we have provided independent assurance, facilitated transparency, and promoted accountability and public-service improvement as we leveraged our unique cross-government and wider public services insight and public finance perspective to identify and highlight good practice.

It is clear though that our collaboration can go far beyond the pandemic and can be a source of great strength as we consider other major issues that impact all of us, whether that be the current cost-of-living crisis or the longer term challenges presented through climate change. We will build on our own enhanced interaction and cooperation as we reflect on those challenges and others facing our public services and wider society. Further details of each organisations' ongoing work can be found on our websites: [Audit Scotland](#), [Audit Wales](#), [National Audit Office](#), [Northern Ireland Audit Office](#).