

## **Delay in publishing draft Statement of Accounts: Year Ended 31 March 2023**

Under section 10 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Council is required to publish its draft annual Statement of Accounts by 31 May each year. Due to increased audit rigour and residual outstanding prior year issues, the accounts for the period to 31 March 2023 will be delayed.

The Statement of Accounts includes the Council's Annual Governance Statement and the Narrative Report.

The delay in publishing the 2022/23 Draft Statement of Accounts has been due to ongoing queries relating to the valuation of Council assets, impacting on the delayed completion of the audit of the 2020/21 Statement of Accounts, which is now resolved and the publication of the draft 2021/22 Statement of Accounts.

This has led to additional ongoing work during 2022 and 2023 to support both the outcome of the 2020/21 valuations and consequential impacts for the publication of the draft 2021/22 and 2022/23 Accounts.

Further notifications will be placed on the website once the 2022/23 Draft Statement of Accounts is available for public inspection.

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