

AUDIT OF 2019/20 ACCOUNTS & PUBLICATION OF 2020/21, 2021/22 & 2022/23 DRAFT ACCOUNTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

The external audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 has not yet been completed by our external auditors, BDO LLP, Ipswich Office, UK due to delays in the completion of the work required to issue the audit opinion.

Regulation 10, paragraph (2a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, as amended by the Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 No. 404 includes provision for where the external audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 has not been completed by the 30 November 2020.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/234/regulation/10/made> and

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/404/regulation/2/made>

Therefore, this notification explains, as per paragraph (2), that we are not yet able to publish our audited 2019/20 final statement of accounts in line with the deadline of 30 November 2020, as per paragraph (1).

The Audit & Standards Committee will consider the results of the 2019/20 audit at a future meeting once the audit has been completed. In the meantime, the Council will proceed with publishing the draft accounts of 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 as soon as possible.

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