

**1 July 2025**

**Notice of Delay in Publication of Draft Statement of Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2025**

This notice is issued in accordance with Regulation 10(2a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, as amended by the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021, and with reference to Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Under Regulation 10(1) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (as amended), London Borough of Barking & Dagenham is required to:

- Prepare the draft Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 by the Responsible Financial Officer (Section 151 Officer), and
- Publish the unaudited accounts on its website by 30th June 2025 together with the Notice of Public Rights, which gives local electors the opportunity to inspect the accounts and supporting documentation.

**Reason for Delay**

The delay is due to resourcing constraints, the need to finalise key year-end reconciliations, and a delay in receiving information from subsidiaries necessary for the preparation of the consolidated Group Accounts Expected Publication Date.

The Council is working to publish the draft Statement of Accounts as soon as possible and will do so before the 31st of July 2025.

**Public Inspection Period**

The period for the exercise of public rights will commence as soon as reasonably practicable after the draft accounts have been published. Further notice will be published on this website to confirm the dates of the inspection period

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