

## **Notice of Delay in Publication of Statement of Accounts and in the Commencement of the Public Inspection Period - Year Ended 31 March 2023**

The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022 originally extended the deadline for local authorities to publish their unaudited Statement of Accounts. This has now been amended and the deadline for publishing the financial year ending 31st March 2023 has reverted back to 31 May 2023.

In accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, this is notification that there will be a delay in the publication of the Council's Unaudited Statement of Accounts and that the 31 May 2023 will not be met. The commencement of the public inspection period has therefore also been delayed.

The reason for the delay in publishing the unaudited Statement of Accounts are audit delays for prior year accounts which are affecting local authorities across the country. This is due to the complexity and disclosure requirements of Local Government financial reporting and the increased assurance work that auditors are required to carry out nationally.

Publication will take place as soon as the Accounts are approved.

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