

Notice – Delay to 2023/24 Accounts Publication Date

The Council has produced its statement of accounts for the year 2023/24. The deadline for publication of audited accounts is 28 February 2025.

The Council has been informed that the external audit of the accounts will not be concluded within this timeframe due to the appointed firm not receiving requested information from the Council resulting in the appointed firm being unable to complete their planning, risk assessment and value for money work before the backstop date.

The Council wish to express that the reasons for this are mainly due to historical delays in the audit process and prioritising dealing with outstanding matters from the predecessor auditors relating to previous accounting periods (including the finalisation of historical objections). It is expected that the audit will be concluded during March 2025.

As such, under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, this notice is hereby given that the statement of accounts cannot currently be published. The accounts will be published as soon as reasonably practicable after the receipt of any report from the auditor which contains the auditor's final findings from their audit.