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2022/23 Unaudited Statement of Accounts and public inspection period

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, and for the accounts to be available for inspection from 1 June.

The council are unable to commence this period for the exercise of public rights in respect of the 2022/23 unaudited accounts owing to delays in producing the Statement of Accounts.

The external audit of the 2021/22 Statement of Accounts commenced in November 2022. There has been ongoing work from January 2023 to support the resolution of audit queries to complete the 2021/22 Statement of Accounts audit, and confirm the opening balances. This has included the need to consider the potential impact of the 2022 triennial actuarial assessment of the pension fund position.

A further notification will be placed on the website once the 2022-23 Draft Statement of Accounts is available for inspection. The public inspection period will commence as soon as is reasonably practical.

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