

## **Updated Notice on the 2020-21 Audit Process**

The audit of the Statement of Accounts has been completed and an unqualified opinion has been provided, however, the audit cannot formally be concluded, and an audit certificate issued for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice until Grant Thornton have completed their audit work on the Council's Value for Money Assessment and the Whole of Government Accounts return.

The Value for Money work is anticipated to be completed by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022. The Whole of Government Accounts return audit has been delayed pending further guidance from HM Treasury.

The 2020-21 Audited Statement of Accounts were approved by Cllr C. Hay, on behalf of the Audit & Governance Committee, and Mr Steve Mawson, Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of Corporate Resources 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021.

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