



Audit of the 2020/21 Statement of Accounts

Notice that an unqualified opinion on the Council's financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2021 has been issued, but formal conclusion of the audit remains outstanding

The Council's auditors, Grant Thornton UK LLP, 2 Glass Wharf, Bristol, BS2 0EL, have completed the audit of the Council's financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2021 and a copy of the auditor's report is included in the statement of accounts.

However, the certificate of completion of the audit cannot be issued at this time because:

- The auditors are required to issue a report on the Council's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. In accordance with Covid-19 special provisions in the National Audit Office's guidance for auditors (Auditors Guidance Note 03), this report should be issued within three months of the date of the opinion on the financial statements.
- The auditors cannot formally conclude the audit and issue an audit certificate until they have completed the work necessary to issue a Whole of Government Accounts (WGA) Component Assurance statement for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The Council will publish the conclusion of the audit as soon as reasonably practicable after the appointed auditor issues an audit certificate.

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