

Lichfield District COUNCIL
ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015 NOTICE

Publication of accounts

Under section 10 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Council is required to publish its annual Statement of Accounts by 31 July each year. The publishing deadline has been extended for 2021/22 to 30 November 2022.

The Statement of Accounts includes the Council's Annual Governance Statement, Narrative Statement, and any audit opinion given by the external auditors at this date.

If the audit has not concluded by 30 November, the Council is required to publish the reasons for this under Section 10.2a of the Regulations.

As at 30 November, the Council's external auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP, has not yet concluded the audit. Since the Audit and Member Standards committee in September 2022, Grant Thornton has encountered some challenges in completing the audit to agreed timescales due to staff sickness and absence in the audit team.

This notice of delayed audit is therefore being published in accordance with Regulation 10, paragraph (2a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. The latest draft Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 is available on the Council's website, subject to conclusion of the audit.

Councillor Christopher J Spruce, FCCA

Chair of Audit & Members Standards Committee

Lichfield District Council

30 November 2022