

NOTICE THAT THE PUBLIC INSPECTION PERIOD HAS NOT BEEN COMMENCED

Under section 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, any persons interested have a right at the audit of the accounts each year to inspect the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records.

Regulations 14 and 15 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (as amended) require that this right (and associated rights) are exercisable over a single period of 30 working days, commencing no later than 1 June 2023.

The Council has been unable to commence the public inspection period by this statutory date because of:

- Obstacles in securing reliable figures from third parties in respect of Pensions and Capital Assets
- External Audit delays in signing off the 2021/22 Statement of Accounts with the result that the 2022/23 opening balances cannot be confirmed.

The Council is hoping to publish the 2022/23 Draft Statement of Accounts by July 2023.

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