

Notice of delay to the audit of accounts 2022-2023

Notice is given that the external audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 has not yet been completed by the Council's external auditors, Grant Thornton UK LLP, due to the audit of the Hertfordshire Pension Fund by EY LLP not being completed. The delay is outside of the control of Dacorum Borough Council or Grant Thornton UK LLP.

This situation is allowed for by Regulation 10, paragraph (2a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. Therefore this notification explains, as per paragraph (2a), that the Council is not yet able to publish its audited 2022/23 final statement of accounts in line with deadline of 30 September 2023.

Audit Committee considered the results of the 2022/23 audit in September 2023 and once the Pension Fund audit is concluded, the Chair of the Audit Committee is delegated to sign the final accounts upon receiving the final audit opinion, after which the Council will publish the final audited accounts.

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Chief Finance Officer

28th September 2023