

UPDATE TO THE PUBLICATION OF 2022/23 AUDITED ACCOUNTS

Audited 2022/23 Statement of Accounts

The audit of the 2022-23 financial statements has been completed and the audit opinion is included within the published financial statements.

The audit however has not yet been concluded and therefore the certificate of completion has not yet been issued, as per the following statement from our auditors, Grant Thornton:

"We have not issued our certificate of completion of the audit at this time because:

- We are required to issue a report on the Council's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. We have completed our work and agreed the report with management but it has not yet been presented to the Audit and Governance Committee. We plan to present the report to the next meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee in April 2024 which is within three months of the date of the opinion on the financial statements, as permitted under the special provisions in AGN 03;
- We cannot formally conclude the audit and issue an audit certificate until we have completed the work necessary to issue our Whole of Government Accounts (WGA) Component Assurance statement for the year ended 31 March 2023;"