

Statement of Accounts 2021/22

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The publication of the unaudited Statement of Accounts 2021/22 has been delayed, and therefore the Council has not been able to commence the period for the exercise of public rights.

2021/22 Delayed Draft Publication and Public Inspection

Guildford Borough Council

Publication of unaudited Statement of Accounts for year ended 31 March 2022

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 – Regulation 15, as amended by The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021, and by The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022.

The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations require the Council to publish the unaudited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2022 and make these available for public inspection on or before 1 August. The publication of the unaudited Statement of Accounts 2021/22 has been delayed, and therefore the Council has not been able to commence the period for the exercise of public rights. The delay has arisen due to a combination of factors, comprising the following:

- Resourcing and technical training in the Accountancy Team due to staff turnover in the past two years.
- Technical changes to the accounting for the collection fund, partly arising from covid-support measures.
- Embedding new financial system.

The Council is continuing to work to complete the accounts as soon as possible and will publish the dates of its public inspection period as soon as the unaudited Statement of Accounts 2021/22 are available. The Council has liaised with their appointed external auditor, Grant Thornton LLP. This notice of delayed audit is being published in accordance with Regulation 15, paragraph (1A(a)) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, as amended by the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

Date: 2 August 2022

Notice of Delay to Publication of the Unaudited Draft Statement of Accounts 2021 – 2022

The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022 require the Council to publish the unaudited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2022 by 31 July 2022.

The requirement for the public inspection period includes the first 10 working days of August 2022.

The council has been unable to commence the statutory period for public inspection of the council's accounting records for the financial year ended 31 March 2022 by the first working day in August as required by paragraph 15 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (as amended). This is due to technical issues with the production of the accounts.

The council will give notice as soon as reasonably practicability, as to when the accounts of Guildford Borough Council, in respect of the financial year ended 31 March 2022, will be available for public inspection.

Graeme Clark,
Interim Chief Financial Officer
Dated 01 August 2022