

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 Publication of Draft Warwick District Council Statement of Accounts and Audit Opinion

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 2021 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 in the Accountancy Team has been adversely affected gaps in the staffing establishment caused by increased levels of sickness, compassionate leave, and leavers.
- Delays in the receipt of critical valuation information from our external valuers.
- Integration issues with importing data from external sources, including the external valuers, into the new Finance System, which launched in November 2021 and is being used for the first time to complete the Annual Accounts.

The Council is continuing to work to complete the Annual Accounts 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, to ensure the audit can commence and be completed in line with The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022, which require the Council to publish the audited accounts and opinion by 30 November 2022.

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 No. 263.

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