

# Public Notice - the Public Inspection Period has not commenced 2021/22

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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 1st August 2022.

The Council has been unable to commence the public inspection period by this statutory date as at this stage, the draft 2021/22 Statement of Accounts have not been confirmed by the Council's Section 151 Officer as presenting a true and fair view. This is because audit work from the 2020/21 accounts is incomplete. These accounts will be formally signed and issued for public inspection in due course.

Date: 15th September 2023

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