

LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY - AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS
Notice of Delay in Conclusion of audit

NOTICE is given that, pursuant to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the external audit of the draft Statement of Accounts for the year ended and 2022 and 2023 has not yet been completed by our external auditors, Mazars LLP, 30 Old Bailey, London, EC4M 7AU.

In December 2021, the audit completion date for 2021/22 was extended to 30th November 2022 by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUCH) as part of a package of measures to support the improved timeliness of local audits.

The audit completion date for 2022/23 accounts, as required by the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022, was 30th September 2023.

The audit opinion on the Statement of Accounts for 2021/22 and consequently 2022/23 has been delayed. The delay is due to the backlog in prior year audits.

Once the audit has been completed the Council will publish the audited Statement of Accounts for 2021/22 and 2022/23 on its website: [Council and elections / Finances and transparency / Council finances](#)

This notice of delayed audit is being published in accordance with Regulation 10, paragraph (2a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, as amended by the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022 No. 708, includes provision for where the external audit of the draft Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 has not been completed by the 30 November 2022.

The relevant legislation can be viewed on legislation.gov.uk:

- [The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015](#)
- [The Accounts and Audit \(Amendment\) Regulations 2022](#)

This notification explains, as per paragraph (2), that this council is not yet able to publish the 2021/22 final Statement of Accounts in line with the deadline of 30 November 2022, as per paragraph (1). The Council is therefore also unable to publish the 2022/23 final Statement of Accounts in line with the deadline of 30 September 2023.

The council's final accounts will be published as soon as reasonably practicable after the receipt of the report detailing the auditor's final findings.

Dated: 30th September 2023

Jackie Moylan (Group Director of Finance and Resources)
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