Notification of Delay of Publication of Accounts 2024/25

**Delayed of the unaudited Statement of Accounts and Public Inspection for year ended 31 March 2025**.

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 – Regulation 15, as amended by Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2024.

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 as amended by Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2024 require the council to publish the unaudited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2025 and make these available for public inspection on or before 1 July. The publication of the unaudited Statement of Accounts 2024/25 is delayed.

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 2024.

The council will be unable to commence the statutory period for public inspection of the council’s accounting records for the financial year ended 31 March 2025 by the first working day in July as required by Section 15 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (as amended). The Council has not been able to commence the period for the exercise of public rights but will issue a notice in consultation with its External Auditors. We currently expect to publish the draft accounts on 18 July 2025 and start the exercise of public rights on 21 July 2025.

The delay has arisen due to work to improve the council’s data on Plant, Property and Equipment following the audit of the 2023/24 Accounts.