**Publication of Audited Statement of Accounts 2019/20**

**The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 10 as amended by Regulation 2 of the Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020.**

The external audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 has not yet been completed by our external auditors, Mazars. This is due to Mazars being unable to conclude their audit of the accounts because the auditor of the pension fund has not yet concluded their work.

Therefore, this notification explains, as per paragraph (2a), that the Council is not yet able to publish its audited 2019/20 final statement of accounts in line with deadline of 30th November 2020, as per paragraph (1) as amended by Regulation 2 of the Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020. As soon as reasonably practicable after the completion of the audit, and the issuing of the auditor’s findings and opinion, the audited final accounts will be published.