Audit of Accounts Notice of Public Rights at Audit The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 Part 5 Delay to Public Inspection Rights

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, contract, 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 1 July.

Notice is hereby given that compliance with the prescribed deadline of 30 June for publication of the drafts accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 will not be met and there will be a delay until publication is reasonably practicable. As a result the statutory inspection period which would commence on 1 July will also be delayed.

The reason for the delay is in relation to the 2024/25 adoption of a new accounting standard has created significant additional work, which means that the accounts will be produced after the 30 June deadline.

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