

**Delay in publishing audited Statement of Accounts: Year Ended 31 March 2023**

***Publication of Rushcliffe Borough Council 2022/23 Statement of Accounts and Audit Opinion***

The external audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 is yet to be completed by our external auditors, Mazars. Mazars have a backlog of audit work from previous years across their portfolio which they are working to clear and consequently this is impacting on the timely delivery of the 2022/23 audit.

This situation is allowed for by Regulation 10, paragraph (2) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234)

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/234/regulation/10> , as amended by the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI 2021/263) <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2021/263/regulation/2/made>

This notification explains, as per Regulation 10 (2) (a), that we are not yet able to publish our audited 2022/23 Statement of Accounts in line with publication date of 30 September 2023, as per Regulation 10 (1).

The final audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 will be published as soon as the audit is concluded, and the Independent Auditor's Report issued and we are aiming for November 2023 or the nearest Governance Scrutiny Group thereafter.

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