## Notice of Delay in Conclusion of the Audit of the Annual Accounts for 2022/23

Notice is hereby given that conclusion of the Auditor's Annual Report on the Council's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources has been delayed.

The Council received an unqualified audit opinion for the 2022/23 Statement of Accounts.

However, the external auditor cannot formally conclude the audit and issue an audit certificate for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice, until they have completed their work on the Council's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the use of resources.

The auditor plans to complete this work and issue the Auditor's Annual Report by 19 May 2024, which is within three months of the date of the opinion on the financial statements, as permitted under the special provisions in the National Audit Office's Auditor Guidance Note 03 (AGN03).

Mike Curtis

**Executive Director for Resources** 

Dated: 26 March 2024

