

Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council

Audit of the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Delay in Conclusion of the Audit

The external audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 has not yet been completed by our external auditors, EY LLP - it should be noted that the majority of audit work has been completed and that no key issues have been found. This situation is allowed for by Regulation 10, paragraph (2a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, as amended by the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

(See attached links: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/234/regulation/10/made> and <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2021/263/made>).

Therefore, this notification explains, as per Regulation 10 paragraph (2a), that we are not yet able to publish our audited 2020/21 final statement of accounts in line with publication date of 30 September 2021, as per paragraph (2). The Audit & Governance Committee will consider the results of the 2020/21 audit at its meeting in early November 2021, after which we will publish the final audited accounts.

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