

# **PRESTON CITY COUNCIL**

## **AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021 – NOTICE OF DELAYED AUDIT OPINION**

### **THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015 – REGULATION 10 AS AMENDED BY THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (CORONAVIRUS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2021 LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014**

The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 require that the audited accounts and opinion is published by 30 September 2021. As at 30 September, the Council's external auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP, has not yet concluded the audit.

The delay has arisen due to staff resource constraints and delays nationally leading to a significant number of prior year audits still not yet being complete.

The Council is continuing to work closely with the audit team as they complete their work. In line with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Council has published a set of draft accounts. The Council will publish a final set of accounts as soon as reasonably practicable after the audit is concluded, and the Audit Report issued.

This notice of delayed audit is being published in accordance with Regulation 10, paragraph (2a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

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