

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

The external audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 has not yet been completed by our external auditors, Grant Thornton UK LLP, due to a variety of complex factors contributing to audit delays across the sector.

This situation is allowed for by Regulation 10, paragraph (2a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (legislation.gov.uk)).

Therefore this notification explains, as per paragraph (2a), that we are not yet able to publish our audited 2022-23 final statement of accounts in line with deadline of 30th September 2023, as per paragraph (1).

The Audit, Governance and Standards Committee will consider the results of the 2022-23 audit, after which we will publish the final audited accounts.

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