

**HYNDBURN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**EXTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS: YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

**Publication of Hyndburn Council Statement of Accounts and Audit Opinion**

**The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 10**

**As Amended By**

**The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020**

The audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 for Hyndburn Council has not yet been completed by the external auditors, Grant Thornton UK LLP. The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 require that the audited accounts and opinion is published by 30 November 2020.

The delay has arisen due to the impact of Covid-19. *Resourcing challenges within the finance team at the Council in the initial preparation of the draft statement of accounts means that the audit of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 has not concluded in time to meet the 30 November publication date.*

The audit and issue of the audit opinion is expected to conclude during March 2021 after which the statement of accounts and audit opinion will be published as soon as is reasonably practicable.

Therefore, this notice of delayed audit is being published in accordance with Regulation 10, paragraph (2a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. See attached link:  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/234/regulation/10/made>

Hyndburn Council Audit Committee, 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020, was formally advised of this matter and subject to the delegations agreed at this Committee the final audited accounts will be published as soon as the audit is concluded.