## Delay in publishing audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

## Publication of Hertsmere Borough Council Statement of Accounts and Audit Opinion

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, Ernst & Young LLP, due to the audit being rescheduled.

This situation is allowed for by Regulation 10, paragraph (2a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (see attached link: <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/234/regulation/10/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/234/regulation/10/made</a>).

Therefore, this notification explains, as per paragraph (2a), that we are not yet able to publish our audited 2020/21 final statement of accounts in line with the deadline of 30th September 2021, as per paragraph (1). The Audit Committee will consider the results of the 2020/21 audit in the 31 January 2022 meeting, after which we will publish the final audited accounts as soon as practicable.

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