## **DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL**

## Notice of Delay in Publication of the audited Statement of Accounts and Audit Opinion 2023/24

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 – Regulation 10, as amended by The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022 require the audited accounts and opinion are published by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024. As at 30 September, the Council's external auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP, has not yet concluded the audit.

This has arisen due to delays in finalising and signing off the Statement of Accounts for 2020/21. The adjustments from the partial audit of the 2020/21 Statement of Accounts had a knock-on effect on the completion of the 2021/22 and 2022/23 accounts. This has subsequently caused a delay to the completion of the 2023/24 draft statement of accounts, which also delayed the external audit of the accounts.

In line with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. The Council will publish a final set of accounts as soon as the audit is concluded, and the Audit Report is issued.

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

The latest unaudited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 is available on the Council's website.

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30<sup>th</sup> September 2024