

East Cambridgeshire District Council

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2018/19

Under Regulation 10, paragraph (2a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. (See attached link: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/234/regulation/10/made>), where councils are unable to publish their audited statement of accounts in line with the deadline of 31st July, following the end of the financial year to which the statements relate, as per paragraph (1), then an explanation needs to be provided explaining the reason for this.

The external audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 has not yet been undertaken by our external auditors, EY LLP, due to resourcing pressures within EY.

This Council produced and published the draft statement of accounts on the 29th May 2019, this in advance of the statutory deadline of the 31st May.

The lack of an audit statement in no way implies any opinion on the quality of the accounts, as no work has been undertaken by the auditor to even form an initial opinion. EY have assured us that resourcing issues within the Company are being addressed and have committed to presenting their audit findings to the Council's Finance and Assets Committee on the 28th November 2019, after which we will publish the final audited accounts.

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