

**Chelmsford City Council**  
**Statement of Accounts 2022/23**

**Notice of Late Publication**

The Council is unable to publish the draft statement of accounts by the deadline of 31 May 2023 and commence the period for exercise of public rights as required by the Accounts and Audit regulations 2015, as amended.

The later publication is due to external factors beyond the Council's control. The unprecedented delays in audit completions resulted in prolonged audit periods that put significant pressure on available resources throughout the year and during the preparation of the draft statement of accounts. The need to undertake additional work on post balance sheet events and opening balances of the 2022/23 statement of accounts as consequence of the 2021/22 audit not yet starting.

The Council will endeavour to publish the draft statement of accounts and the notice of the commencement of the period of public right as soon as practicable.

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