Notification of Delay of Publication of the Unaudited Accounts

(for the financial year ending 31 March 2024)

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 – Regulation 15, as amended by The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021, and by The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022, require the Authority to publish the unaudited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2024 and make these available for public inspection on or before 1 June.

Notice is given that:

1. The Authority has not yet published the draft Statement of Accounts for 2023/24 and commenced the period for the exercise of public inspection.
2. The Authority will publish a draft set of accounts as soon as reasonably practicable, following which the period for the exercise of public inspection will commence.

The delay has arisen due to a combination of factors, comprising the following:

* The delayed completion of the audit of the 2022/2023 accounts.
* A delay in receiving 2023/2024 property valuations.
* The continued complexity of the Authority’s accounts, disclosure

requirements of Local Government financial reporting, and increased audit assurance.

The authority will also publish its unaudited statement of accounts as soon as reasonably practicable.

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