UPDATE TO PUBLICATION OF 2020/21 AUDITED ACCOUNTS AND 2021/22 UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS

Delay to the publication of The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames statement of accounts: financial year ending 31 March 2021 and 31 March 2022.

The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames has produced its draft statement of accounts for the year 2020/21, which is available to view on this page.

Under the Accounts and Audit (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2021, the Council is required to publish its 2020/21 Final Audited Accounts by 30th September 2021. The audit of the Council's accounts is not yet complete as our external auditors require additional time to complete their work.

As such, under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, this notice is hereby given that the audited statement of accounts cannot currently be published. The accounts will be published as soon as reasonably practicable to do so.

Further, under the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (No. 708) the council is unable to publish the unaudited statement of accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2022 until such time as the audit work for the previous year is substantially complete. This requires the commencement of the period of public inspection for 2021/22 to be delayed.

The council will publish the audited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021, the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 and commence the period of public inspection as soon as reasonably practicable.

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