## UPDATE TO PUBLICATION OF 2021/22 AND 2022/23 AUDITED ACCOUNTS

## Delay to the publication of The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames statement of accounts: financial years ending 31 March 2022 and 31 March 2023.

Under the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021 the Council was required to publish its 2021/22 Final Audited Accounts by 30th November 2022. The audit of the Council's accounts is not yet complete as our external auditors require additional time to complete their work. The audit work is substantially complete and the Council expects an unqualified opinion on its statement of accounts.

The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames has produced its draft statement of accounts for the year 2022/23, which is available to view on this page. Under the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022 the Council is required to publish its 2022/23 Final Audited Accounts by 30th September 2023. The audit of the Council's accounts is not yet complete following a decision by our external auditors to pause work on the audit of this borough's financial statements due to their resource constraints and sector wide delays to the local government audits.

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