## DELAYED PUBLICATION OF 2023/24 AUDITED ACCOUNTS

Delay to the publication of The Royal Borough Kingston upon Thames statement of accounts: financial year ending 31 March 2024.

The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames has produced its draft statement of accounts for the year 2023/24, which is available to view on this page. Under the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2024 the Council is required to publish its 2023/24 Final Audited Accounts by 28 February 2025.

The Council's audited 2023/24 accounts are not currently approved and therefore not yet published. Under the audit and accounts regulations the Council must publish them as soon as reasonably practicable. The audit is however substantially complete.

Given the late signing of the 2022/23 accounts and the possibility of achieving an unmodified opinion soon after the backstop date, the decision was taken to delay approval of the accounts until in a position to do so offering better assurance and value for money for the taxpayer.

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