

## **Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service**

### **Notification of Delay of Publication of Accounts 2023/24**

Delayed, Audit and Public Inspection of the unaudited Statement of Accounts for year ended 31 March 2024.

Under section 10 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the authority is required to publish its draft annual Statement of Accounts by 31 May each year.

Under section 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, any persons interested have a right at the audit of the accounts each year to inspect the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records.

Regulations 14 and 15 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (as amended) require that this right (and associated rights) are exercisable over a single period of 30 working days, commencing no later than 1st June 2024. If this deadline cannot be met, the authority is required to publish a notice of delay.

The authority will aim to publish the draft 2023/24 accounts as soon as is practically possible. Further notifications will be placed on the website once the draft accounts are available for public inspection.

The delay has arisen due to the continued inherent complexity and disclosure requirements of Local Government financial reporting.

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