Notification of delay of publication of final 2022-23 statement of accounts

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the external audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 has not yet been completed by our external auditors, Grant Thornton UK LLP, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY. This is due to statutory complexities in concluding the work for the 2 prior years and the consequential impacts for 2022/23.

Regulation 10, paragraph (2a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, as amended by the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022 No. 708, includes provision for where the external audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 has not been completed by the 30 September 2023.

The relevant legislation can be viewed on legislation.gov.uk:

- The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015
- The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022

This notification explains, as per paragraph (2), that we are not yet able to publish our audited 2022/23 final statement of accounts in line with the deadline of 30 September 2023, as per paragraph (1).

The council's final accounts will be published as soon as reasonably practicable after the receipt of the report detailing the auditor's final findings.

Dated: 11 October 2023 Sukvinder Kalsi Director of Finance London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham