## **EXTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS: YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

## **Publication of Wirral Council Statement of Accounts and Audit Opinion**

## The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 10 (para 1, 2, 6A, para (2)(b) as amended by The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2022 require that the audited accounts and opinion is published by 30 September. As at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024, the Council's external auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP, has not yet fully concluded the audit.

The audit is substantially complete and is subject to a final review before being presented and approved by the Council's Audit and Risk Management Committee.

The Council is continuing to work closely with the audit team as they complete this work.

In line with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Council has published a set of draft accounts. The Council will publish a final set of accounts as soon as the audit is concluded, and the Audit Report issued.

This notice of delayed audit is being published in accordance with Regulation 10, paragraph (2a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

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