

## **Westmorland and Furness Council**

### **DELAYED PUBLICATION OF THE UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024**

Under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 the commencement period for the exercise of public rights to inspect the unaudited Statement of Accounts for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, should be available for a continuous period of 30 working days including the first 10 working days of June.

However, the publication of the unaudited Statement of Accounts 2023/24 has been delayed, and therefore the Council has not been able to commence the period for the exercise of public rights.

The delay has arisen due to the complexities of additional work required in year one of the new unitary authority.

The Council will publish a draft set of accounts as soon as reasonably practicable, following which the period for the exercise of public inspection will commence.

A further notice will be published in due course setting out the public inspection period as soon as the draft 2023/24 Statement of Accounts have been finalised.

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