

London Borough of Enfield

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NOTICE is given that the London Borough of Enfield has not been able to publish its accountability statements for the years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 by the backstop date of 13th December 2024.

The reason for this is that the Responsible Financial Officer (S151 Officer) is not currently able to reconfirm on behalf of the Council that they are satisfied that the statement of accounts for the years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 present a true and fair view of:

1. The financial position of the authority at the end of the financial year to which it relates; and
2. The authority's income and expenditure for that financial year.

This does not mean that the accounts do not represent a true and fair view, but the Responsible Financial Officer has not been able to re-confirm this by the backstop date::

- Key matters identified in the Audit Completion Report 2019/20, on which audit procedures cannot be completed could have a material impact on the Statement of Accounts
- The S151 Officer signing these accounts has only been engaged by the Council since November 2024 and key staff formerly responsible for the preparation of the 2019/20 accounts no longer work for the Council there is limited scope for additional assurances to be obtained in time for the backstop date.

The Council is undertaking further work to provide assurance on the matters identified in the Audit Completion Report 2019/20 to allow the Responsible Financial Officer to consider re-confirming that the Statement of Accounts represents a true and fair view. Once the 2019/20 accounts are re-confirmed, the responsible financial officer will be able to re-confirm the statements of accounts for 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23.

The Council acknowledges that it must publish its accountability statements as soon as reasonably practicable.

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