

BCP Statement (for legacy Bournemouth Borough Council)

External Audit of Accounts: Year ended 31 March 2019

Publication of Bournemouth Borough Council statement of accounts and delayed Audit Opinion

The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 10

The external audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 for the legacy Bournemouth Borough Council has not yet been completed by the external auditors, Grant Thornton UK LLP. The delay is of a technical nature as Grant Thornton require the Council to provide some further information to support certain asset valuations. This information is currently being gathered and Grant Thornton and the Council expect this matter to be conclude during August 2019.

This situation is covered by Regulation 10, paragraph (2a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. See attached link:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/234/regulation/10/made>

Therefore, this notification explains, as per paragraph (2a), that the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council is not yet able to publish the audited 2018/19 final statement of accounts for legacy Bournemouth Borough Council in line with deadline of 31st July 2019, as per paragraph (1). The BCP Audit and Governance Committee, 25th July 2019, was formally advised of this matter and subject to the delegations agreed at this Committee the final audited accounts will be published as soon as the audit is concluded.