

IPSWICH BOROUGH COUNCIL

Publication of Statement of Accounts

**The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015
Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020**

The external audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 has not yet been completed by our external auditors, Ernst & Young LLP, due to concerns relative to the impact of the coronavirus crisis on the council's assets and finances, which has caused a degree of additional audit work, the nature of which is common across the local government sector at this time. This situation is allowed for by Regulation 10, paragraph (2a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, as amended by the Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 No. 404.

(See attached links: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/234/regulation/10/made> and <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/404/regulation/2/made>).

Therefore, this notification explains, as per Regulation 10 paragraph (2a), that we are not yet able to publish our audited 2019/20 final statement of accounts in line with publication date of 30th November 2020, as per paragraph (1). The audit and governance committee will consider the results of the 2019/20 audit at its meeting on 15 December 2020, after which we will publish the final audited accounts.

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