

The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021

Sir Tony Redmond, in his review of the effectiveness of external audit and transparency of financial reporting in local authorities, recommended that the deadline for publishing audited local authority accounts be revisited with a view to extending it to 30 September from 31 July each year.

As part of the Government's response to Tony Redmond's Review, Ministers committed to amending the accounts publication deadline for two financial years.

In accordance with the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021, the dates to publish, and make available for inspection, the Council's annual accounts and supporting documents have been amended as follows:

Public inspection

Local authorities must commence the public inspection period on or before the first working day of August.

Audited accounts

Publication of the audited accounts to be not later than 30 September.

The amended regulations apply to the annual accounts for the 2020/21 and 2021/22 financial years only.

The Council will publish the dates for their public inspection period and arrangements, as soon as reasonably practicable.

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