

**Notice Published under Section 9A, paragraph 6(a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015**

NOTICE is given that Harlow District Council has not been able to publish its accountability statements for the year ending 31 March 2024 in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 by the backstop date of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

The reason for this is due to outstanding work mainly in relation to the Value for money opinion of the External Auditors KPMG LLP.

The Statement of Accounts 2023/24 were approved on 26 February 2025 by the Audit and Standards Committee. Delegated authority was given to the Section 151 Officer to make nonmaterial amendments to the accounts, once the outstanding work is completed. KPMG intend to issue a disclaimer opinion on the financial statements once the audit is concluded.

The Council acknowledges that it must publish its accountability statements as soon as reasonably practicable, and it is expected that this will occur in early April 2025.

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