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BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE OF DELAY IN CONCLUSION OF THE AUDIT 2024-25

**Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014
Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015**

Bristol City Council's external auditors, Grant Thornton UK LLP, have completed their audit of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 and have issued their auditor's report. The audited Statement of Accounts is available on the Council's website at: <https://www.bristol.gov.uk/council/council-spending-and-performance/council-audited-accounts>.

The external auditors have not issued their certificate of completion of the audit at this time, as they cannot formally conclude the audit and issue their audit certificate until they have completed the work necessary in relation to consolidation returns, including Whole of Government Accounts (WGA), and the National Audit Office has concluded their work in respect of WGA for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Regulation 16(1) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 requires the Council to publish a notice of the conclusion of the audit only once the audit is concluded. As the audit has not yet been concluded, the Council is not able to issue that notice at this time.

A notice of conclusion of the audit, together with the auditor's certificate, will be published on the Council's website as soon as they are available.

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