

Runnymede Borough Council

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS - YEARS ENDED 31 March 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 Regulations

The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2024

The Council's external auditor, BDO LLP, has not yet concluded their audits of the 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 Statement of Accounts. The Government put in place the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2024 which set out a "Backstop" date which required all outstanding audits up to 2022/23 to be signed off by the auditor in some form, as well as a value for money statement incorporating all years not audited, by 13 December 2024.

The delay in meeting this deadline has arisen due to a number of factors, including:

- auditor resourcing issues;
- the complexity of the audit and pace at which it can be completed; and
- the increased assurance work that auditors are required to carry out nationally

Whilst the Council has not been able to meet its statutory deadlines, we are working closely with our external auditors to ensure that the audit of the accounts is finalised as soon as possible. Whilst the draft accounts have been published on our website for some time, these will be replaced by the audited statement of accounts once the external audit is completed.

Dated 16 December 2024

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