

Public Notice - Completion of Audit for year ended 31 March 2019

Wiltshire Council

Notice of completion of Audit 2018/2019

In accordance with Regulation 16(1) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, notice is hereby given that the audit of the accounts of Wiltshire Council has been concluded for the year ended 31 March 2019 and the final Audit Certificate has been received. On the 20 November 2020, the external auditor issued an opinion that, excepting for the possible effects of the matter described in the basis for qualified opinion section of the report, the financial statements of Wiltshire Council ('the Authority'):

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Authority as at 31 March 2019 and of its expenditure and income for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2018/19.

On the same date an unqualified opinion on the Council's arrangements for securing value for money was also issued.

The qualification issued by the external auditor related to the Authority's Unusable Reserves; the Revaluation Reserve and Capital Adjustment Account. The issues related to historic balances of those accounts and adjustments to them. Where any adjustments may be required there may also be an impact on the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, the Movement in Reserves Statement and the Expenditure and Funding Analysis Statement. However, there will be no impact on the General Fund Balance and the Total Useable Reserves.

In accordance with section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, local government electors for the Wiltshire area are entitled, pursuant to regulations under 26 of the said act, to inspect and make copies of:

- the statement of accounts prepared by the authority;
- the local auditor's certificate that the audit of the authority's accounts including that statement has been completed;
- the local auditor's opinion on the statement of accounts;
- any public interest report relating to the authority or an entity connected with it, and
- any recommendation relating to the authority or an entity connected with it

The Statement of Accounts are available for viewing on the Council's website:

http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/council-democracy-how-the-council-works-statement-of-accounts

Alternatively, copies of the accounts may be inspected by appointment, at the following address between the hours of 09.00 and 17.00 (Monday to Friday).

Non electronic copies of documents will be chargeable at a reasonable sum appropriate to the request.

Lizzie Watkin
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