

LONDON BOROUGH OF CROYDON

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2024

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2024 Regulation 9A require the Council to publish its final accountability statements for the financial year ending 31 March 2024 by **28th February 2025**.

Accountability statements include:

- the statement of accounts together with the opinion and any certificate from the local auditor approved in accordance with regulation 9(2)
- the annual governance statement approved in accordance with regulation 6(2)
- the narrative statement prepared in accordance with regulation 8

If the Authority is not able to publish accounts by this date, then the Authority is required to publish a notice explaining the reason.

The primary reason for the delay is:

The need to finalise three prior years' accounts first (2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23), which have all been published now as draft annual accounts, has meant a delay in preparing the 2023-24 draft accounts which are reliant on the figures coming forward into 2023-24.

The Council acknowledges that it must publish its accountability statements as soon as reasonably practicable, and expects that 2023-24 draft statement of accounts will be published in a matter of weeks.

Dated: 28 February 2025

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