Bedford Borough Council AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014 & THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015

The external audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 has not yet been completed by the Council's external auditors, EY LLP. This is due to delays in the completion of the work required to issue the audit opinion. This situation is allowed for by Regulation 10, paragraph (2a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. (See link: http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/234/regulation/10/made). Therefore this notification explains, as per paragraph (2a), that the Council is not yet able to publish the audited 2018/19 final statement of accounts in line with deadline of 31 July 2019 set out in paragraph (1). The audit committee will consider the results of the 2018/19 audit at a future meeting once the audit has been complete, after which the Council will publish the final audited accounts.

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