

LONDON BOROUGH OF LAMBETH

Notice of delay to the public inspection period of the statement of accounts (for the financial year ending 31 March 2024)

Under section 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, any persons interested have a right at the audit of the accounts each year to inspect the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records.

Regulations 14 and 15 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (as amended) require that this right (and associated rights) are exercisable over a single period of 30 working days and should include the first 10 working days of June, commencing no later than Monday 3 June 2024 in respect of the statement of accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2024.

The Council has been unable to commence the public inspection period by this statutory date because of ongoing delays in the publication of an audited set of accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2023, and the subsequent impact this has on preparing accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2024 that present a true and fair view of the financial position of the Council.

In accordance with the Regulations, the Council will ensure that the commencement of the period for the exercise of public inspection rights will take place as soon as reasonably practicable, and further information about when the period is expected to commence will be published on the Council's website.

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