NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, FIRE & CRIME COMMISSIONER (FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY)

Delay in publishing audited Statement of Accounts: Year Ended 31 March 2023

Publication of North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner (Fire & Rescue Authority) Statement of Accounts and Audit Opinion

The external audit of the draft Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 has not yet been completed by our external auditors, Mazars LLP. The reason for the delay is a backlog of audit work from previous years which is impacting on Mazars' timely delivery of the 2022/23 audit.

This situation is allowed for by Regulation 10, paragraph (2) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234) https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/234/regulation/10.

This notification explains, as per Regulation 10 (2) (a), that we are not yet able to publish our audited 2022/23 Statement of Accounts in line with publication date of 30 September 2023, as per Regulation 10 (1). North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner (Fire & Rescue Authority) is continuing to work closely with the external auditor to ensure the required work is completed as soon as possible. In line with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, North Yorkshire Police, Fire & Crime Commissioner (Fire & Rescue Authority) published a draft Statement of Accounts subject to audit on 30 May 2023 https://www.northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk/fire-oversight/budgets-and-expenditure/fire-statement-of-accounts/ and the final audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 will be published as soon as the audit is concluded, and the Independent Auditor's Report issued.

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