**Publication of North of Tyne Combined Authority Statement of Accounts and Audit Opinion**

**Delay in publishing audited Statement of Accounts: Year Ended 31 March 2022**

As a result of an extension to the accounts and audit timetable for 2021/22, the External Auditors, Mazars, will not be in a position to issue the Auditor’s Annual Report by 30 November 2022.

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](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/iQLzCDyKIoGlOqiRaYBP?domain=legislation.gov.uk) , as amended by the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI 2021/263) [https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2021/263/regulation/2/made](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/9_3bCEzLSlX56LUxs_eL?domain=legislation.gov.uk) .

The 2020 Code of Audit Practice requires our External Auditors to issue their Auditor’s Annual Report within 3 months of issuing their opinion on the financial statements, and before 30th September. In line with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, North of Tyne Combined Authority published a draft Statement of Accounts subject to audit on 30 July 2022, and can be viewed by following this link <https://www.northoftyne-ca.gov.uk/transparency/finance/>. The Audited Statement of Accounts for 2021/22 are scheduled to go to Cabinet on the 31 January 2022.

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