

## **ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has put in place revised regulations that came into force on 31 March 2021. The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021 extend the statutory audit deadlines for 2020/21 and 2021/22 for all local authorities.

The publication date for audited accounts will move from 31 July to 30 September 2021 for all local authority bodies.

Due to the knock on effect of the Covid19 Pandemic and its impact on the current resources available to the Council's external auditors Grant Thornton, the signing of the Statement of Accounts will miss the 30 September 2021 deadline.

It is anticipated that the audit of the accounts and subsequent signing will be completed in December 2021.

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