HUNTINGDON DISTRICT COUNCIL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2018/19 NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT AND NARRATIVE STATEMENT

Notice given in accordance with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015:

Huntingdonshire District Council is not in a position to issue its final audited Statement of Accounts by the required deadline of 31 July 2019.

The external audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 has not yet been completed by our external auditors, EY LLP, due to EY's own internal resourcing pressures.

Non-publication is not a reflection of the Council's financial standing or governance arrangements – both of which remain strong and robust. The Council had closed its accounts in line with the 31st May statutory deadline and was ready for the audit to commence in June 2019.

This situation is allowed for by Regulation 10, paragraph (2a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. (See attached link: http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/234/regulation/10/made). Therefore this notification explains, as per paragraph (2a), that we are not yet able to publish our audited 2018/19 final statement of accounts in line with deadline of 31st July 2019, as per paragraph (1). The audit committee will consider the results of the 2018/19 audit at its meeting on 2nd October 2019, after which we will publish the final audited accounts.

The draft Statement of Accounts was published online by the required deadline (31st May 2019) and these remain available at:

HDC Draft Statement of Accounts 2018-19

Dated 31 July 2019

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