

Notification of the Amended Statement of Accounts for 2019/2020 – 30th November 2020 (in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015)

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority is today publishing its amended version of the Statement of Accounts 2019/2020 to reflect the fact they have been approved by Governance Committee on the basis that the external audit is substantially complete and that no major amendments are anticipated. If there should be any further amendments to the accounts before they are formally certified by the external auditor then these will be delegated to the Chair of Governance Committee in consultation with the Authority's Section 151 officer and all Committee members will also be notified in writing of any changes necessary.

The Authority is therefore going to miss the 30th November 2020 publication of its audited accounts for 2019/2020 but will still meet the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, as set below.

(Regulation 10 (2) (a) and (b)) states that by the Authority publishing its latest draft set of Accounts today, and by explaining the reason for the delay; which is due to the adverse impact that the coronavirus pandemic has had on both the production and audit of the accounts which was conveyed to Governance Committee, which means that both of these requirements have been complied with in this Notification. The Authority is also publishing its slightly revised Narrative Statement and its Annual Governance Statement alongside the amended accounts for completeness at this point but on the understanding they also have not yet been fully certified by the external auditor.

All certified documents will be published as soon as reasonably practicable after the receipt of the final report from the external auditor (the Authority received a substantially completed Audit Completion Report today) but this may be subject to change once finalised.