

**Epping Forest District Council**

**Statement of Accounts 2022/23**

**Publication Notice**

This notice is published under Regulation 15(1A) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

The Council is required to make the accounting records and related documents of Epping Forest District Council available for inspection each year in the exercise of the rights of interested persons under Section 26 of the Local Audit & Accountability Act 2014 and Section 15 of the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015.

The inspection period for the financial year ending 31st March 2023 was due to commence on 1st June 2023 and run for a period of 30 working days from this date. However, it is not possible for the Council to commence the inspection period as, in line with most councils nationally, Epping Forest District Council continues to experience major audit delays and the Statement of Accounts 2020/21 have yet to be finalised, and the audit of the Statement of Accounts 2021/22 has yet to commence.

However, in the interests of transparency, the Council has published an uncertified draft Statement of Accounts 2022/23.