TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

**FINANCIAL PUBLICATIONS**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS DEFERRAL 2019/2020**

**The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020**

In response to an unprecedented situation across the UK relating to COVID19 and the need to reduce the pressure on authorities to comply with legal deadlines, the Government have introduced The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020. These Regulations provide authorities with additional time to complete the audit of their accounts for 2019/2020, given the impact of the COVID19 virus on the availability of local authority staff and auditors to complete the audit process within current deadlines due to sickness or redeployment. These Regulations applied only in relation to annual accounts relating to the 2019/2020 financial year.

For Tendring District Council the deadline to publish its unaudited accounts has now moved from 31 May 2020 to 31 August 2020 with the deadline for publishing audited statements being pushed back from 31 July 2020 to 30 November 2020. Tendring District Council officers will attempt to publish its draft accounts before the August deadline should circumstances allow.

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