

## CLEVELEND FIRE AUTHORITY

### DELAY IN PUBLISHING AUDIT CERTIFICATE: YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Notice is hereby given that the external audit of the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 has been completed by Forvis Mazars LLP and the Independent Auditors report was issued on the 28 February 2025. A qualified opinion has been issued, this relates to accounting pension valuation and does not impact on the Authority's usable reserves.

Our external auditor's Forvis Mazars have not yet issued our Audit Certificate as they are still waiting for confirmation from National Audit Office (NAO) that the Authority will not be selected for further Whole of Government Accounts (WGA) work.

Under Regulation 10, of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234), as amended by the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021 (SI 2021/263) the Statement of Accounts which includes the items listed below is available on the following link: [Financial – Cleveland Fire Brigade](#)

- the statement of accounts together with any certificate or opinion entered by the local auditor in accordance with section 20(2) of the Act;
- the annual governance statement approved in accordance with regulation 6(3); and
- the narrative statement prepared in accordance with regulation 8.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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