

Audit Notice – Central South Consortium Joint Education Service

Regulation 10(1) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended) requires that the Responsible Financial Officer of Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC, and the Chair of the Joint Committee, sign and date the statement of accounts, and certify that it presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the body at the end of the year to which it relates and of that body's income and expenditure for that year. The Regulations required that this be completed by 31 May 2022.

[The Responsible Financial Officer, and the Chair of the Joint Committee, signed and certified the statement of accounts on 7 June 2022 and, prior to this, published a statement setting out the reasons for non-compliance with the certification timescale as required by the Regulations].

Regulation 10(2) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended) requires that following the certification by the Responsible Financial Officer and Chair of the Joint Committee, referred to above, the Central South Consortium Joint Education Service Joint Committee approve and publish the audited statement of accounts. The regulations required that this be completed by 31 July 2022.

Welsh Government has set out its expectation regarding an extended timescale for the preparation and certification of statutory financial accounts for the 2021/22 financial year, due to the on-going impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on local authority staff resources. In line with this, Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC has revised its timetable accordingly and the audit of the 2021/22 statement of accounts has not yet been completed and no audit opinion has been provided by 31st July 2022. The statement of accounts that is published is the unaudited statement of accounts.