

ST. HELENS BOROUGH COUNCIL

**NOTICE OF DELAY TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE
OF PUBLIC RIGHTS**

Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government has put in place revised regulations that came into force on 31 March 2021. The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021 extend the statutory audit deadline for 2021-2022 for all local authorities.

The publication date for audited accounts has moved from 31 July 2022 to 30 September 2022 for all local authorities. To give local authorities more flexibility, the requirement for the public inspection period of draft financial statements to include the first ten working days of June has been removed. Instead, local authorities must commence the public inspection period on or before the first working day of August 2022, which means that the Statement of Accounts 2021-2022 (subject to audit) must be published by 31 July 2022 at the latest.

Notice of the Council's Statement of Accounts 2021-2022 (subject to audit) public inspection period will be made on the Council's website on completion of the Council's Annual Statement of Accounts.