

**Notice Published under Section 9A, paragraph 6(a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.**

Notice is given that the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham ("The Council") has not been able to publish its accountability statements for the years 2023-24 in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 by the backstop date of 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

The reason for this is that the Grant Thornton (UK) LLP (Council's incoming external auditor) was not in position to give opinion despite significant progress and effort made by the council and the Grant Thornton UK LLP, owing to previous years audit was not completed by BDO (UK) LLP (outgoing auditor) on time.

Responsible Financial Officer has not been able to re-confirm the council's accountability statements by the backstop date, however, the Council has taken all reasonable measures to comply with the overarching need for transparency and good governance, and as such:

- A. Unaudited Accounts for the years: 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 including 2023/24 have been published on the Council's Financial Accounts webpage along with the notification for public inspection period
- B. Financial statements for the year 2023-24 have been presented to the Council's Audit and Standards Committee, and can be viewed at the following link:

<https://lbbd.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=785&MId=13057&Ver=4>

The Council acknowledges that it must publish its accountability statements as soon as reasonably practicable.



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A copy of this notice is being sent to the Secretary of State.