

### **Notice of delay in issuing audit certificate**

The Authority has received an unqualified Independent Audit Report from its External Auditor, Mazars LLP, in relation to the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The Auditors have not yet completed their work in respect of the Authority's value for money arrangements or the Authority's Whole of Government Accounts submission, and this will be completed at a later date. Consequently, they are unable to issue an audit certificate formally concluding the audit. We will publish the notice required by Regulation 16 of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, which notifies of the formal audit conclusion, once the audit certificate has been received.