MORAY COUNCIL AND CONNECTED CHARITIES

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 APRIL 2020 TO 31 MARCH 2021

The Council's annual accounts are prepared by the Chief Financial Officer.

The purpose of the annual accounts is to demonstrate the council's stewardship of the public funds with which it is entrusted.

The Council's financial year runs from 1 April to 31 March.

Unaudited accounts for the financial year 2020/21 were published on 30 June 2021.

Part 10 of The Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 requires local government bodies to meet to consider the audited accounts with an aim to approve those accounts for signature no later than 30th September.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, some flexibility is provided within the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020 and, as a result of remote working rendering the audit process more complex, a slight extension is necessary.

The audited accounts are due to be considered for approval by Moray Council on 19 January 2022 and will be published as soon as possible thereafter.

This statement is published in accordance with paragraphs 8(4) and 10(2) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020, which require any decision to postpone publication of its audited accounts to be made public on or before the date by which the report is due, or as soon as reasonably practicable after this date.'

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30 November 2021