

Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council

Audit of the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

Delay in Conclusion of the Audit

Sefton's external auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP, have now completed their audit of the Council's financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025 and they have issued their audit report on these financial statements.

However, Grant Thornton UK LLP have not issued their certificate of completion of the audit at this time because they cannot formally conclude the audit and issue an audit certificate for Sefton Council for the year ended 31 March 2025 (in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice) until the National Audit Office has concluded their work in respect of the Whole of Government Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

As soon as Grant Thornton UK LLP have been able to issue their certificate of completion of the audit, the Council will publish a notice that the audit has been concluded.

The Statement of Accounts, including Grant Thornton's audit report, can be found on the Council's website at:

[Council Budget and Spending](#)

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