**Statement of Accounts 2023-24**

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council &

 Margam Crematorium Joint Committee

Regulation 10(1) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended) requires that Responsible Financial Officer to sign and date the statement of accounts, and certify that it presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the body at the end of the year to which it relates and of that body's income and expenditure for that year. The Regulations required that this be completed by 31 May 2024.

Regulation 10(2) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended) requires that following the certification by the Responsible Financial Officer referred to above, approve and publish the audited statement of accounts. The Regulations required that this be completed by 31 July 2024.

The 2023/24 statutory deadlines are shown below together with extended deadlines provided by Welsh Government.

|  | Statutory Deadline | Extended Deadline |
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| Draft Statement of Accounts | 31 May 2024 | 30 June 2024 |
| Audited Statement of Accounts | 31 July 2024 | 30 November 2024 |

The Unaudited Statement of Accounts were signed and certified by the Chief Finance Officer on 26 May 2024. Due to the impact of the pandemic, the Council has elected to work within the extended deadlines for completion of the Audited Statement of Accounts.

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