

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

meeting date: 14 FEBRUARY 2024
title: CLOSURE OF ACCOUNTS TIMETABLE 2023/24
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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To remind members of the statutory requirement to closedown our accounts by 31 May 2024 and publish them including any certificate, opinion or report issued by the auditor, by 30 September 2024.
- 1.2 To inform members of the benefits of closing down early, in particular the good governance aspects.
- 1.3 To consider the detailed timetable to be adhered to if we are to achieve the required deadlines.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 set out detailed requirements in relation to duties and rights, and also brought in changes to the key deadlines for approval of the statement of accounts and completion of the audit.
- 2.2 The Regulations have important implications for local authorities in terms of planning to ensure critical tasks are met and the approval of accounts carried out by set deadlines.
- 2.3 The deadline for the publication of the draft unaudited statement of accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024 will be 1 June 2024.
- 2.4 The deadline for the publication of the **audited** Statement of Accounts for 2023/24 is the 30 September 2024.

3 THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015

- 3.1 The principal matters covered by the regulations relevant to accounts preparation are:
 - the responsible financial officer must ensure that the accounting records kept by the authority are sufficient to enable the preparation of the statement of accounts
 - the statement of accounts is required to be prepared in accordance with the Regulations and proper practices in relation to accounts.
 - the responsible financial officer is required to certify that the accounts give a “true and fair view” of the financial position
 - at the point of certifying the accounts the authority must commence a 30 working day period for the exercise of public rights.
 - advertisement of the 30 working day period for the exercise of public rights must be published on the council’s website including a copy of the unaudited statement of accounts together with a declaration of the responsible financial officer as to the status of the accounts as unaudited and that they may be subject to change.

- conduct a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control, which will feed into the preparation of the annual governance statement
- the authority is to allow access to the accounts and specified supporting documents during the period for the exercise of public rights
- following the conclusion of the period for the exercise of public rights, consider either by way of a committee or by the members meeting as a whole, the statement of accounts and approve the statement of accounts by a resolution of that committee or meeting.
- publication of the audited accounts is to be achieved by 30 September.
- as soon as reasonably practicable after conclusion of the audit publish a statement that the audit has been concluded and that the statement of accounts has been published, and the rights of inspection of the same.

The Regulations stipulate various responsibilities for the closure of accounts;

Members

- Consider the findings of the annual review of the effectiveness of the system of internal control and approve the annual governance statement
- following the conclusion of the period for the exercise of public rights and following the audit, consider the statement of accounts and approve the same and ensure that the statement of accounts is signed and dated by the person presiding at the committee at which that approval is given
- Where, following completion of an audit, the council receives any audit letter, committee must meet to consider its contents as soon as reasonably practicable.

Responsible Financial Officer

- Determining on behalf of the authority, and ensuring they are observed and kept up to date -
 - The form of its accounting records and supporting records; and
 - Its financial control systems
- Accounting records must, in particular, contain -
 - entries from day to day of all sums of money received and expended by the authority and the matters to which its income and expenditure or receipts and payments relate; and
 - a record of the assets and liabilities of the authority.
- The financial control systems must include
 - measures to ensure that the financial transactions of the authority are recorded as soon as, and as accurately as, reasonably practicable;
 - measures to enable the prevention and the detection of inaccuracies and fraud, and the reconstitution of any lost records; and
 - measures to ensure that risk is appropriately managed;
 - identification of the duties of officers dealing with financial transactions and division of responsibilities of those officers.

- On behalf of the authority
 - sign and date the statement of accounts, and confirm that they are satisfied that it presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the authority at the end of the financial year to which it relates, and of the authority's income and expenditure for that financial year;
 - ensures that commencement of the period for the exercise of public rights takes place
- As soon as reasonably practicable after conclusion of an audit, publish on the website
 - a statement that the audit has been concluded and that the statement of accounts has been published
 - a statement of the rights of inspection conferred on local government electors and the address and hours during which, those rights may be exercised

4 GOVERNANCE ISSUES

4.1 The early production of the statement of accounts is an essential element of good governance, therefore enabling members to;

- Receive assurance that accounting systems have operated adequately and have been closed down satisfactorily
- Have confidence that the budget for the current year has a secure foundation
- Understand the corporate financial performance during the year and also the position at 31 March
- Adopt the statement of accounts

4.2 It is important that members are aware of the comfort gained from having the statement of accounts published and also that this comfort should be provided at the earliest opportunity.

5 OTHER ISSUES

Budget Implications

5.1 It is imperative that the accounts for the current year are closed as soon as reasonably practicable in order to inform the budget setting process for future years. This allows us to be in a position to consider the council's reserves and balances and areas of over/under spending with greater certainty.

Practical Issues

5.2 The closedown timetable shows that we are planning to present the audited statement of accounts at the proposed meeting of this committee on Wednesday 25 September 2024 for approval **(subject to approval of the proposed committee meeting timetable for 2024/25)**.

5.3 **It is important that all members endeavour to attend this meeting in order to ensure that the meeting is quorate.**

Timetable

5.4 Based on our past experience, the availability of our external auditors and the statutory deadlines, we have determined a timetable for the closure of our accounts as attached at Annex 1. We firmly believe it is important that all staff are aware of the importance of achieving these deadlines and understand the vital roles they also play. As you will see from the timetable, a number of tasks have already begun or been completed.

5.5 You will see this timetable is considerably detailed and clearly indicates who is responsible for which actions. We have used our experience from last year's closure to inform this year's deadlines. Again, we intend to monitor when we actually achieve each individual task in order to inform future timetables.

6 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE

6.1 Endorse the suggested approach for the closure of the 2023/24 accounts.

HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

AA2-24/LO/AC
5 February 2024

For further information please ask for Lawson Oddie.

Timetable for Closure of 2023/24 Accounts

No.		Completion Date	Task	Lead Officer	Other Key Persons	Date Actually Done	Comments
1	Wed	10-Jan-24	Contact valuer to arrange for desktop review valuations	Head of Financial Services	Senior Accountant <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i>		
3	Fri	09-Feb-24	Lancashire Pension Fund – Request for pensions data check	Head of Financial Services	Systems and Payments Manager		
4	Mon	12-Feb-24	Send email to Heads of Service asking them to review the balance sheet Plant and Equipment items	Senior Accountant <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i>	All Heads of Service		
5	Fri	23-Feb-24	Deadline date for confirmation of pensions data to Your Pensions Service	Head of Financial Services	Systems and Payments Manager		
6	Fri	23-Feb-24	Deadline for responses from Heads of Service following their review of balance sheet Plant and Equipment items	Senior Accountant <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i>	All Heads of Service		
7	Mon	26-Feb-24 and on-going	Detailed review of “open” purchase orders , i.e. cancel/match up to invoice/keep under review to accrue, Ensure GRNs up to date	Procurement Assistant	All Senior Accountants		

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8	Mon	11-Mar-24	Inform PAs of the deadline for receipt of holiday and lieu time records into the accounts section, in order to ensure records are up to date.	Senior Accountant (Health and Housing Committee)	All PAs Community Leisure and Sports Development Manager Store Person/Admin Officer Admin Officer/Mayor's Secretary		
9	Mon	11-Mar-24	Update Intranet pages relating to the Closure of the Accounts.	Senior Accountant (Health and Housing Committee)	Accounting Technician (Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)		
10	Mon	11-Mar-24	Circulation of closure email and estimated creditor/debtor sheets	Senior Accountant (Health and Housing Committee)			
11	Mon	11-Mar-24	All staff responsible for entering year end invoices onto Financials to have been contacted and any training required arranged.	Systems and Payments Manager	Payments Assistant		
12	Mon	11-Mar-24	Latest date for depreciation journal transactions to be entered on Civica Financials	Senior Accountant (Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)			

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No.		Completion Date	Task	Lead Officer	Other Key Persons	Date Actually Done	Comments
13	Mon	18-Mar-24	Send Request for all utilities meter readings to be taken as at 31 March 2024	Senior Accountant <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i>	Accounting Technician <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i> Head of Engineering Services Principal Surveyor		
14	Mon-Fri	18 Mar-24 to 29-Mar-24	Continually ensure that all suspense accounts are cleared to nil	All Senior Accountants Systems and Payments Manager	Trainee Accounting Technician		
15	Mon-Fri	18-Mar-24 to 29-Mar-24	Continually review credit balances on Debtors prior to final run of Creditor Payments	Systems and Payments Manager	Payments Assistant		
16	Mon-Fri	18-Mar-24 to 29-Mar-24	Continually review disputed creditor invoices and debit balances prior to final run of Creditor Payments	Systems and Payments Manager	Payments Assistant		
17	Fri	22-Mar-24	Request information from Onward Homes for VAT shelter arrangement	Senior Accountant <i>(Health and Housing Committee)</i>			
18	Fri	22-Mar-24	Send out year-end stocktake sheets	All Senior Accountants			

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No.		Completion Date	Task	Lead Officer	Other Key Persons	Date Actually Done	Comments
19	Tues	26-Mar-24	Last payment run BACS/cheque dated 28 March 2024. Payment run to include ALL outstanding creditor payments (excluding disputed payments)	Systems and Payments Manager	ICT Support Officer		
20	Tues	26-Mar-24	After last payment run, send email to all staff asking them not to enter any more creditor invoices until notified	Systems and Payments Manager			
21	Wed	27-Mar-24	Complete interim review and reconciliation of all capital income and expenditure.	Senior Accountant <i>(Health and Housing Committee)</i>			
22	Thurs	28-Mar-24	Receipt of desktop asset revaluations data.	Head of Financial Services	Senior Accountant <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i>		
23	Thurs PM	28-Mar-24	Send email to all staff asking them not to use the purchasing, creditors or debtors modules of the Financials system until notified.	Systems and Payments Manager			

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24	Thurs	28-Mar-24	<p><u>ALL stock takes</u> to be carried out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Stores (Depot) • Paper • Canteen Stock • Civic Regalia 	Senior Accountant <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i>	Accounting Technician <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i> Store Person/Admin Officer Printing and Stationery Officer Admin Officer/Mayor's Secretary PA to Director of Community Services		
25	Thurs	28-Mar-24	<p><u>ALL stock takes</u> to be carried out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool • Gallery/TIC 	Senior Accountant <i>(Community Services Committee and Economic Development Committee)</i>	Community Leisure and Sports Development Manager		
26	Thurs	28-Mar-24	<p><u>ALL stock takes</u> to be carried out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pest Control 	Senior Accountant <i>(Health and Housing Committee)</i>	Pest Control Officer		

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27	Thurs	28-Mar-24	All relevant staff to have been contacted to notify them that all Goods Received Notes must be entered on to the Purchasing system where goods or services have been received by the end of the day on 31 March 2024	Procurement Assistant	Trainee Accounting Technician All staff responsible for purchasing		
28	Thurs	28-Mar-24	Ensure All Creditor batches are closed and authorised and that Debtor invoices have all been authorised	Systems and Payments Manager	Payments Assistant		
29	Thurs	28-Mar-24	Ensure Creditor and Debtor Reconciliation reports balance.	Systems and Payments Manager	Payments Assistant		
30	Thurs	28-Mar-24	Ensure All Purchase Order requisitions are approved and authorised	Procurement Assistant	All staff responsible for purchasing		
31	Thurs	28-Mar-24	Enter final emergency schedule for the year on to Creditors	Systems and Payments Manager	Clerical Assistant <i>(Payments Team)</i>		
32	Thurs	28-Mar-24	All sundry debtor write off/write on adjustments to be completed	Systems and Payments Manager			
33	Thurs	28-Mar-24	Ensure Creditors/Debtors balance reports & Aged Debtors reports are set to run at overnight	Systems and Payments Manager			

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34	Thurs	28-Mar-24	<p>All income to be paid in to cash office (cards, cheques & cash) – See later instruction for any further income received on the 31 March after this paying-in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Level D Reception/Planning ❖ Pool ❖ TIC/Gallery ❖ Car Parks • Joiner's Arms • Exercise Referral • Market 	Accounting Technician (Community Services Committee and Economic Development Committee)	Planning Admin Assistant Community Leisure and Sports Development Manager Gallery and Information Centre Supervisor Parking Administration Assistant Joiners Arms Scheme Warden Health and Fitness Development Officer Market Officer HR Officer		
35	Thurs	28-Mar-24	Absolute deadline for return of Officer and Member Interests Forms	Senior Accountant (Health and Housing Committee)	Admin Officer/Mayor's Secretary		

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36	Thurs	28-Mar-24	All suspense accounts cleared down to nil where possible	All Senior Accountants	Trainee Accounting Technician		
37	Thurs	28-Mar-24	Full skeleton accounts prepared together with all restatements where applicable	Head of Financial Services			
	Fri	29-Mar-24	Good Friday				
	Mon	01-Apr-24	Easter Monday				
38	Mon	01-Apr-24 (AM)	Change default year and budget settings – including funds checking budget for purchasing.	Head of Financial Services			
39	Tues	02-Apr-24 (AM)	Send REMINDER email to all staff asking them not to use the purchasing, creditors or debtors modules of the Financials system until notified.	Systems and Payments Manager			
40	Tues	02-Apr-24 (AM)	Change settings on creditor and debtor transaction codes.	Head of Financial Services			

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41	Tues	02-Apr-24	All staff responsible for petty cash books/floats/receipts to have brought them to the Accounts Section.	Accounting Technician <i>(Community Services Committee and Economic Development Committee)</i>	PA to Chief Executive Senior Planning Admin Officer PA to Director of Community Services Arts Development Officer Community Leisure and Sports Development Manager		
42	Tues	02-Apr-24	Last date for the receipt of office staff capital timesheets for charging to capital schemes	Accounting Technician <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i>	All capital scheme lead officers		
43	Tues	02-Apr-24	Last date for the receipt of Grounds Maintenance timesheets.	Accounting Technician <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i>	Amenity Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance Manager		

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44	Tues	02-Apr-24	Last date for the receipt of Works Administration and Vehicle Workshop timesheets.	Accounting Technician (Community Services Committee and Economic Development Committee)	Head of Engineering Services		
45	Tues	02-Apr-24	Roll Forward purchase order commitments to new financial year and provide reports to Senior Accountants	Senior Accountant (Community Services Committee and Economic Development Committee)	Procurement Assistant		
46	Tues	02-Apr-24	Finalise PWLB interest and average interest rate for investments	Senior Accountant (Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)			

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47	Tues	02-Apr-24	<p>All remaining income (received after the final paying-in previously made on 31 March) up to the close of 31 March to be paid in to cash office (cards, cheques & cash):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Level D reception/Planning ❖ Pool ❖ TIC/Gallery ❖ Car Parks • Joiner's Arms • Exercise Referral • Market 	Accounting Technician (Community Services Committee and Economic Development Committee)	Planning Admin Assistant Community Leisure and Sports Development Manager Gallery and Information Centre Supervisor Parking Administration Assistant Joiners Arms Scheme Warden Health and Fitness Development Officer Market Officer		
48	Tues	02-Apr-24	Income analysis sheets for Pool, TIC/Gallery to be passed to Accounting Technician (<i>Community Services Committee and Economic Development Committee</i>) for period up to and including 31 March	Accounting Technician (Community Services Committee and Economic Development Committee)	Community Leisure and Sports Development Manager Gallery and Information Centre Supervisor		

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No.		Completion Date	Task	Lead Officer	Other Key Persons	Date Actually Done	Comments
49	Tues	02-Apr-24	Cash office to have processed any remaining balances on all bank statements up to 31 March	Accounting Technician <i>(Community Services Committee and Economic Development Committee)</i>	Senior Cashier		
50	Tues	02-Apr-24	Receipt of Council Tax and Business Rates reports	Head of Financial Services Accounting Technician <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i>	Head of Revenues and Benefits		
51	Tues	02-Apr-24	Completed Statement 1's & 2's up to & incl. 31 March to be passed to Accounting Technician <i>(Community Services Committee and Economic Development Committee)</i> and thereafter on a daily basis	Accounting Technician <i>(Community Services Committee and Economic Development Committee)</i>	Senior Cashier		

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52	Tues	02-Apr-24	Last date for receipt of completed and authorised stock sheets : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stores • Paper • Canteen Stock • Civic Regalia 	Senior Accountant <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i>	Accounting Technician <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i> Store Person/Admin Officer Printing and Stationery Officer PA to Director of Community Services Admin Officer/Mayor's Secretary		
53	Tues	02-Apr-24	Last date for receipt of completed and authorised stock sheets : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pool • Gallery/TIC 	Senior Accountant <i>(Community Services Committee and Economic Development Committee)</i>	Community Leisure and Sports Development Manager		
54	Tues	02-Apr-24	Last date for receipt of completed and authorised stock sheets : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pest Control 	Senior Accountant <i>(Health and Housing Committee)</i>	Pest Control Officer		
55	Tues	02-Apr-24	All sundry debtor control sheets for 2023/24 financial year to have been received in the Accounts Office	Systems and Payments Manager	All staff		

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56	Tues	02-Apr-24	Last date for receipt of estimated debtor sheets	All Senior Accountants	All staff		
57	Tues	02-Apr-24	All stores receipts/issues notes to be received in accounts section	Accounting Technician <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i>	Store Person/Admin Officer		
58	Thurs	04-Apr-24	Last day for entering old year creditor invoices on Financials	Systems and Payments Manager	All staff		
59	Fri	05-Apr-24	Last day for receipt of holiday and lieu time records from PAs	Senior Accountant <i>(Health and Housing Committee)</i>	PA to Director of Community Services PA to Chief Executive Community Leisure and Sports Development Manager Store Person/Admin Officer Admin Officer/Mayor's Secretary		

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No.		Completion Date	Task	Lead Officer	Other Key Persons	Date Actually Done	Comments
60	Fri	05-Apr-24	Bank reconciliation to have been completed and authorised	Accounting Technician (Community Services Committee and Economic Development Committee)			
61	Fri	05-Apr-24	Entry of year end cash journals	Accounting Technician (Community Services Committee and Economic Development Committee)			
62	Fri	05-Apr-24	Last day for receipt of estimated creditor sheets	Senior Accountant (Health and Housing Committee)	All staff		
63	Fri	05-Apr-24	Capital accounts finished and journals entered	Head of Financial Services	Senior Accountant (Health and Housing Committee)		
64	Fri	05-Apr-24	Decision taken on assets to be added/written off	Head of Financial Services			

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No.		Completion Date	Task	Lead Officer	Other Key Persons	Date Actually Done	Comments
65	Fri	05-Apr-24	Last date for processing of office staff capital, Works Admin and Grounds Maintenance Timesheets on to Financials	Accounting Technician <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i> Accounting Technician <i>(Community Services Committee and Economic Development Committee)</i>	Trainee Accounting Technician		
66	Fri	05-Apr-24	Completion of system reconciliations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Tax • NNDR Housing Benefits	Senior Accountant <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i> Senior Accountant <i>(Health and Housing Committee)</i> Accounting Technician <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i>	Trainee Accounting Technician		
67	Fri	05-Apr-24	General Stores to be finalised	Accounting Technician <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i>	Store Person/Admin Officer		

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No.		Completion Date	Task	Lead Officer	Other Key Persons	Date Actually Done	Comments
68	Mon to Fri	08-Apr-24 to 12-Apr-24	Audit Planning Work	Grant Thornton Head of Financial Services			
69	Fri	12-Apr-24	Capital Financial data updated in Narrative Report	Head of Financial Services			
70	Fri	12-Apr-24	Completion of non-financial elements of Narrative Report	Head of Financial Services	Systems and Payments Manager Head of HR Principal Policy and Performance Officer Trainee Accounting Technician		
71	Fri	12-Apr-24	Receipt of IAS19 information from Lancashire Pension Fund	Head of Financial Services			
72	Fri	12-Apr-24	Complete draft Housing Benefit subsidy claim and working papers	Benefits Manager			

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No.		Completion Date	Task	Lead Officer	Other Key Persons	Date Actually Done	Comments
73	Fri	12-Apr-24	Interest allocated	Senior Accountant (Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)			
74	Fri	12-Apr-24	Completion of system reconciliations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Car Parking • Planning • Building Control • Housing Rents • Licensing • Land Charges 	Senior Accountant (Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee) Senior Accountant (Health and Housing Committee) Accounting Technician (Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)	Trainee Accounting Technician		
75	Mon	15-Apr-24	Asset revaluations as provided by the Valuation Office entered on to Technology Forge and journaled on to Financials	Senior Accountant (Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)			
76	Mon	15-Apr-24	Closedown collection fund for Council Tax and inform LCC, Fire and Police	Head of Financial Services			

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77	Wed	17-Apr-24	Central establishment and other recharges to have been completed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Offices • Civic Suite • IT Services • Resources • Chief Executives • Economic Development 	Senior Accountant <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i>			
78	Wed	17-Apr-24	Central establishment and other recharges to have been completed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Services 	Senior Accountant <i>(Community Services Committee and Economic Development Committee)</i>			
79	Fri	19-Apr-24	Complete and submit Housing Benefit subsidy claim and working papers	Senior Accountant <i>(Health and Housing Committee)</i>			
80	Fri	19-Apr-24	Other recharges to have been completed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depot • Grounds Maintenance • Vehicles and Plant • Balances on WKSAD and VEHL • Refuse Collection 	Senior Accountant <i>(Community Services Committee and Economic Development Committee)</i>			
81	Fri	19-Apr-24	Other recharges to have been completed by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of Market Buildings 	Senior Accountant <i>(Health and Housing Committee)</i>			

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82	Fri	19-Apr-24	IAS19 adjustment journals (as required) to be entered by	Head of Financial Services			
83	Fri	19-Apr-24	Update Narrative Report with Pensions data	Head of Financial Services			
84	Fri	19-Apr-24	VAT Shelter figures to be received from Onward Homes	Senior Accountant <i>(Health and Housing Committee)</i>			
85	Fri	19-Apr-24	Possible deadline for NNDR3	Head of Revenues and Benefits			
86	Fri	26-Apr-24	Compensated absences analysis and ledger entries completed	Senior Accountant <i>(Health and Housing Committee)</i>			

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87	Fri	26-Apr-24	Data produced, checked, reviewed and published on the website in respect of Data Transparency requirements Senior Officers Salaries/remuneration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members' Allowances Expenditure >£250 Grants to Voluntary Organisations Procurement ITT and Contracts/Payments > £5k Car Parking Account 	Senior Accountant (Health and Housing Committee)	Systems and Payments Manager Accounting Technician (Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee) Procurement Assistant Senior Accountant (Community Services Committee and Economic Development Committee)		
	Thurs	02-May-24	Police & Crime Commissioner Election				
88	Fri	03-May-24	ALL Service committee accounts to be finished and general fund summary account complete	All Senior Accountants			
89	Fri	03-May-24	Final Income and Expenditure Cleardown Run	Head of Financial Services			
	Mon	06-May-24	Early May Bank Holiday				
ANY FURTHER JOURNALS FOR 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR TO BE AGREED WITH HEAD OF FINANCIAL SERVICES BEFORE ENTERING							

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No.		Completion Date	Task	Lead Officer	Other Key Persons	Date Actually Done	Comments
90	Fri	10-May-24	Finalise Narrative Report with revenue financial data	Head of Financial Services			
91	Mon	20-May-24	Produce all key financial statements: Expenditure & Funding Analysis, CIES, MiRS, Balance Sheet, Cash Flow Statement	Head of Financial Services			
92	Wed	22-May-24	Report Annual Governance Statement and Findings of Review to CMT	Internal Auditor			
93	Fri	24-May-24	Annual Governance Statement to Leader and CE for signing	Internal Auditor			
94	Fri	24-May-24	Finalise all notes to the accounts	Head of Financial Services	All Senior Accountants		
	Mon	27-May-24	Spring Bank Holiday				
95	Tues	28-May-24	All working papers up to date and made available and checked for completeness on the Info System	Head of Financial Services	All Senior Accountants Accounting Technicians		
96	Fri	31-May-24	Accounts final sign off by Director of Resources and published as subject to audit on website	Director of Resources	Head of Financial Services		
97	Fri	31-May-24	Accounts forwarded to Grant Thornton for commencement of audit	Head of Financial Services			

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No.		Completion Date	Task	Lead Officer	Other Key Persons	Date Actually Done	Comments
98	Fri	31-May-24	Advertise accounts available for inspection on website from Monday 3 June 2024	Head of Financial Services	Accounting Technician <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i>		
99	Mon	03-Jun-24	Period of public inspection starts (30 consecutive working days from sign off by Director of resources)	Head of Financial Services			
100	Fri	14-Jun-24 <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	WGA Return to be completed (Unaudited)	Senior Accountant <i>(Health and Housing Committee)</i>			
101	Fri	28-Jun-24 <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	Revenue Outturn Forms to be completed	Senior Accountant <i>(Health and Housing Committee)</i>			
102	Fri	28-Jun-24 <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	Capital Outturn Form to be completed	Senior Accountant <i>(Health and Housing Committee)</i>			
103	Mon	01-Jul-24	Grant Thornton commence final accounts audit	Grant Thornton			
104	Tues	09-Jul-24	Review meeting with Grant Thornton	Head of Financial Services	Grant Thornton		
105	Tues	16-Jul-24	Review meeting with Grant Thornton	Head of Financial Services	Grant Thornton		
106	Tues	23-Jul-24	Review meeting with Grant Thornton	Head of Financial Services	Grant Thornton		

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107	Tues	30-Jul-24	Review meeting with Grant Thornton	Head of Financial Services	Grant Thornton		
108	Tues	06-Aug-24	Review meeting with Grant Thornton	Head of Financial Services	Grant Thornton		
109	Tues	13-Aug-24	Review meeting with Grant Thornton	Head of Financial Services	Grant Thornton		
110	Tues	20-Aug-24	Clearance meeting with Grant Thornton	Director of Resources Head of Financial Services	Grant Thornton		
111	Fri	23-Aug-24	Complete Audit Findings Report adjustments and issue final Statement of Accounts to Grant Thornton	Head of Financial Services	Grant Thornton		
	Mon	26-Aug-24	Summer Bank Holiday				
112	Fri	30-Aug-24 <i>(date to be confirmed)</i>	Whole of Government Accounts return (audited) to be completed	Senior Accountant <i>(Health and Housing Committee)</i>			
113	Tues	17-Sep-24	Distribution date for Accounts and Audit Committee and Director of Resources (CFO) sign accounts for true and fair view	Head of Financial Services			

Timetable for Closure of 2023/24 Accounts

No.		Completion Date	Task	Lead Officer	Other Key Persons	Date Actually Done	Comments
114	Wed	Potentially 25-Sep-24	Proposed Accounts and Audit Committee meeting date - to consider the Audit Findings Report and approve Audited Final Accounts	Director of Resources	Head of Financial Services		
115	Thurs	26-Sep-24	Receipt of Accounts opinion from Grant Thornton	Head of Financial Services	Grant Thornton		
116	Thurs	26-Sep-24	Audited Accounts to be published on website by	Head of Financial Services	Accounting Technician <i>(Policy and Finance Committee and Planning Committee)</i>		
117	Mon	30-Sept-24	Close the Financial Year on the Financials system and roll forward balances.	Head of Financial Services			