<u>Audit notice where the Responsible Financial Officer is unable to certify the accounts because the accounts have not been prepared</u>

Regulation 10(1) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended) requires that the Responsible Financial Officer of Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC 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 require that this be completed by 31 May 2021.

The Responsible Financial Officer has not signed and certified the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021. Due to the ongoing requirement to address the impact of COVID-19, the authority has continued to divert resources to support key frontline services, reprioritised work accordingly and revised its timescale for preparing the statement of accounts for financial year 2020/21. The statement of accounts will therefore be prepared and the Responsible Financial Officer will sign and certify the statement of accounts by the 2 July 2021.