



NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

LOCAL AUDIT & ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014
ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2015

The Authority's accounts are subject to external audit by Kevin Suter, Partner, Ernst & Young LLP (EY LLP), Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Square, Southampton, SO15 2BE, United Kingdom.

EY LLP informed the Authority in an audit letter on 25th September 2023 that, "due to the complex set of factors contributing to audit delays across the sector, we will not be able to give our opinion on your financial statements by 30th September 2023...For the same reasons, our Auditor's Annual Report will also not be issued by 30th September. We expect to issue our AAR within three months of issuing our opinion on your financial statements."

Therefore we can confirm that the external audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 has not yet been completed by our external auditors EY LLP. This situation is allowed for by Regulation 10, paragraph 2a of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015: [Click Here](#). This notification explains, as per paragraph 2a, that we are not yet able to publish our audited 2022/23 final statement of accounts in line with the deadline of 30th September 2023, as per paragraph 1. The Authority will consider the results of the 2022/23 audit, after which we will publish the final audited accounts.

Nigel Stone, Chief Finance Officer

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27th September 2023