

## **AUDIT OF ACCOUNT 2022-2023**

### **NOTICE OF CONCLUSION**

In accordance with Regulation 16 of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 notice is given that the audit of the Statement of Accounts for Southend on Sea City Council 2022/23 has been concluded.

The auditor did not identify any matters where, in their opinion, proper practices had not been observed in the compilation of the financial statement. However, on 28 November 2024, a modified audit opinion was issued due to an exception in respect of 'Use of Resources'. The full opinion is included in the Statement of Accounts 2022/23 which can be obtained from the Council's website at:

[https://www.southend.gov.uk/downloads/download/377/our budget and financial practices](https://www.southend.gov.uk/downloads/download/377/our_budget_and_financial_practices)

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