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Dear Councillor Milner

Re: External Audit of the Pension Fund

Thank you for your letter of 29th October regarding the audit of the Pension Fund.

I am aware of the change to the Accounts and Audit Regulations which will require us to approve the 2017/18 Statement of Accounts by 31st July 2018. Due to the introduction of new auditors next year, the Pension Fund is not in a position to move to earlier timescales for the 2015/16 accounts. The timescales for the audit of the Pension Fund are already in place with the audit due to start on the 4th July 2016.

In recognition of your situation we plan to raise this issue with our auditors and potentially look to introduce earlier timescales for the 2016/17 accounts. If you have any further queries please contact Mr Tim Byford from our Finance and Resources section on telephone number 01785 278196 or by email at timothy.byford@Staffordshire.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely




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