

## Certification and approval of annual accounts for 2024-25

Regulation 15(1) of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended) requires that Responsible Finance Officer of Argoed Community Council sign and date the statement of accounts (Annual Return) and certify that it properly presents Argoed Community Council's receipts and payments for the financial year.

While the Regulations require this to be completed by 30 June 2025, the internal audit arrangements were finalised slightly later than anticipated, on 26 June 2025. As a result, the completion of the Annual Return has been unavoidably delayed.

The accounts are now in preparation and will be signed and certified by the Responsible Finance Officer no later than 2 July 2025. They will be presented for full Council approval at the Council meeting on 2 July 2025.

Argoed Community Council remains committed to maintaining full compliance with its statutory duties and ensuring transparency and accuracy in its financial reporting.