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Dear Mrs Stewart

ACCOUNTS DIRECTION: LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFF COMMISSION 2022/23

Local Government and Housing Regulation Division has now prepared a Direction for the appropriate form and content of accounts of the Local Government Staff Commission.

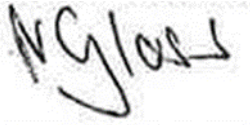
Therefore, in exercise of powers under paragraph 11 of Schedule 3 to the Local Government Act (NI) 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Northern Ireland) Order 2005, the Department hereby directs that the accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2023 shall comply with the enclosed direction. The format of the accounts should follow the layout of the pro forma enclosed, where relevant, for your particular NDPB.

The Local Government (Accounts and Audit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 Part 3 states that the signing, approval and publication of the statement of accounts must be approved no later than 30 September following the end of the financial year to which the statement relates.

As you are aware, the power to dissolve the Staff Commission was included in the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 ("the 2014 Act"). Section 120 of the 2014 Act amends section 40 of the 1972 Act to provide the Department with an enabling power to dissolve the Staff Commission by Order. The provisional date for dissolution has been extended to 31 March 2025.

LGSC do not need to have their unaudited accounts signed off by 30 June, while certified accounts require approval by 30 September 2023, as detailed above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J Glass". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large "J" and "G".

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