

Appendix C

CIPFA / LASAAC – Timeline of reset, recovery and reform

	Action	Description	Dates
1	System reset	DLUHC proposes putting a date in law (the 'backstop date') – 30 September 2024 – by which point local bodies would publish audited accounts for all outstanding years up to and including 2022/23. The backstop date is likely to be a factor in local auditors issuing a modified or disclaimed opinion on outstanding accounts if they do not have enough time to complete all audit work before that date.	30 September 2024
2	To support the 'recovery' of the system, CIPFA/LASAAC is consulting on temporary changes to the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting	To reduce burdens on preparers and support auditors spreading the work to rebuild assurance over multiple periods, CIPFA/LASAAC will consult on three temporary changes to the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting for 2023/24 and 2024/25: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extending the override relating to the valuation and disclosure requirements for infrastructure assets. • Simplifying the revaluation of operational property and instead permitting the use of indexation until new requirements for revaluation of operational property are introduced in 2025/26 following HM Treasury's Thematic Review of the valuation of non-investments assets in the public sector. • Reducing the requirements for disclosures around net defined benefit pension liabilities/assets for two years to align with those in FRS 102 (UK GAAP) rather than IFRS. 	2023/24 to 2024/25
3	Non-investment assets and pensions reforms in the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting	CIPFA/LASAAC will continue to work with HM Treasury on how the changes following the outcome of the thematic review into the valuation of non-investment assets apply to local bodies, with the intention that they are introduced to the Code of Practice for Local Authority Accounting for 2025/26. CIPFA/LASAAC is also planning to explore further principles-based options for pensions reporting, by forming a working group with other relevant authorities to explore the best	2025/26

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		approach to public sector pension scheme accounting as a whole.	
4	Permanent solution for infrastructure assets	CIPFA undertook a survey in April 2023 on the Impact of the Move to Improve the Reporting of Infrastructure Assets including a (possible) move to a depreciated replacement cost measurement basis. CIPFA wanted to further understand the impact of changing the reporting of information for infrastructure assets and is developing a long-term solution for this.	Not before 1 April 2027
5	Long-term reforms to local authority financial reporting	CIPFA/LASAAC's strategic plan includes a workstream looking at long-term reforms to financial reporting based on the needs of accounts users. CIPFA is in the process of relaunching the Better Reporting Group to inform this work.	Ongoing

Source: CIPFA / LASAAC Consultation on "Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom – short term England-only measures to aid the recovery of local authority reporting and audit"