

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS - Notice of Public Inspection for Year Ended 31st March 2020

Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015, Regulations 14 and 15

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, Sections 26, 27 and 28

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Gareth Mills, Director of Grant Thornton LLP, No 1 Whitehall Riverside, Leeds LS1 4BN. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. From **1st July 2020 to 11th August 2020** between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm any person may inspect the Annual Statement of Accounts, the Narrative Report and the Annual Governance Statement of the Council, for the year ended 31st March 2019, and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and any other documents relating to those records) by contacting the Council at the address below where the information will be sent electronically.

Please note, the public inspection period under the Regulations cited above includes the first 10 working days of June. This statutory requirement has been amended by The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 for 2019/20 that allows local authorities to specify their own public inspection period, on or before the first working day of September 2020.

2. The Council's Statement of Accounts, Narrative Statement and Annual Governance Statement, which will be unaudited, will be available on the Council's website from **30th June 2020**.
3. From **1st July 2020 to 11th August 2020**, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his / her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.
4. From **1st July 2020 to 11th August 2020**, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may object to the Council's accounts (under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014) asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest and / or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law (under section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014). Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

No objection may be made unless the Auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection and its grounds.

A copy of such notice must also be sent to the Council at the address below:-

Public Inspection of the Accounts
Chief Financial Officer and Section 151 Officer
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