

## Publication of Accounts Audit of Accounts - Year Ended 31st March 2020 Notice of Public Rights

## Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Helen Thompson, Executive Director of Ernst & Young LLP, Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Square, Southampton, SO15 2BE. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

- 1. From 4th August 2020 to 14th September 2020 between 9.00 a.m. to 1.00pm and 2.00p.m. to 4.30pm, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and bank holidays, any person may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March 2020 and all related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at the address given below on reasonable notice. They may also request copies of the accounts and documents. During this period, 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.
- 2. From 4th August 2020 to 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020, a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may object to the Council's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014) 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 the Council at the address given below.
- 3. The person to which you can apply to inspect the accounts:

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Dated: 14th April 2020

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