

THE COUNTY OF HEREFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2020 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak, the dates for the audit of the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2020 have been amended as per the Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020.

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 that from 29th June 2020 to 7th August 2020 inclusive between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on weekdays any person may inspect, and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other related documents of the above-named body for the year ended 31st March 2020, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at offices at which they are normally kept by prior arrangement. Application should be made initially to Mr Andrew Lovegrove, Chief Finance and Section 151 Officer (see contact details below). The accounts will also be available at www.herefordshire.gov.uk.

During this period, a local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, or their representative, may question the auditor about the accounts, or make an objection to the accounts as set out in sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Any objection, and the grounds on which it is made, must be sent to the auditor in writing, with a copy to Mr Andrew Lovegrove, Chief Finance and Section 151 Officer (see address below). Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and particulars of:

- i) any item of account which is alleged to be contrary to law; and
- ii) any matter in respect of which it is proposed that the auditor could make a public interest report under section 24 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 to, the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Objections should be addressed to the auditor, Mr Jon Roberts, Partner, Grant Thornton UK LLP, 2 Glass Wharf, Bristol. BS2 0EL.

A guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2015/03/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf>

The accounts issued on 29th June 2020 are unaudited and may be subject to change.

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