

WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2020/21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

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

NOTICE is given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 has been published on the Council's website <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/council-and-meetings/open-data/see-datasets-currently-available/statment-of-accounts>. The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

NOTICE is given that from Friday 30 July 2021 to Monday 13 September 2021 between 9:30am to 4:00pm Mondays to Fridays any person may inspect and make copies of the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2021 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts except as provided for in Section 26(4) to 26(6) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in relation to commercially confidential and personal information.

The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at the offices at which they are normally kept, by prior appointment only, or otherwise by arrangement; application should be made initially at the address below.

Please contact the chief accountant (Mark.Thompson@wokingham.gov.uk) or head of finance (Bob.Watson@wokingham.gov.uk) for an appointment.

NOTICE is also given that from Friday 30 July 2021 to Monday 13 September 2021 the Council's auditor, at the request of a local government elector for the Borough or their representative, will give the elector the opportunity to question her about the accounts.

NOTICE is given that from Friday 30 July 2021 to Monday 13 September 2021 a local government elector for the area of the Council or their representative may make objections to the Council's auditor (under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014) relating to any matter where the auditor could take action under:

- Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law, and/or
- Section 24 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to make a report in the public interest.

Written notice of the proposed objection and the grounds on which it will be made must be sent to the external auditors also copied to the Council at the addresses given below.

Questions may be received at the Council Offices, Shute End, Wokingham by arrangement with the appointed auditor (Helen Thompson, Associate Partner, Ernst & Young LLP, Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Square, Southampton SO15 2BE) to whom requests for this purpose should be addressed. No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection and its grounds. A copy of this notice must be sent to the Council at the address below.

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