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## **AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2020 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS**

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

As a consequence of the response and disruption experienced by local authorities resulting from the unprecedented implications of COVID-19, The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 introduced revised deadlines applicable to local authorities 2019/20 Accounts as follows:

- Approve Draft Accounts 31 August 2020 (previously 31 May)
- Public Inspection Period to start on or before first working day of September 2020 (previously included first 10 working days of June)
- Publish Final Audited Accounts 30 November 2020 (previously 31 July)

Notice is hereby given under the amended regulations for accounts with the year ended 31st March 2020 that from Friday 31st July 2020 to Friday 18th September 2020 between 10:00am and 4:00pm 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 Commissioner and Chief Constable for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Clemonds Hey, Oakmere Road, Winsford, CW7 2UA by prior arrangement. Please contact the auditor at the address given below to make arrangements to ask any questions. In the current climate, it may be necessary to make alternative arrangements other than onsite visits.

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 the Head of Finance, Clemonds Hey, Oakmere Road, Winsford, CW7 2UA. 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, Grant Thornton UK LLP at 4 Hardman Square, Spinning Fields, Manchester, M3 3EB.

A guide to your rights can be found at:

<https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights>

Date: 31st July 2020

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