



AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 specify that Draft Accounts should be approved and published by the 31 May. For the last few years this has been deferred to the 31 July under The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021 and 2022 in recognition of the impact of the pandemic.

On 31 March 2023, local authorities were informed that the deadline for the Draft Accounts would be returned to the 31 May. While every effort has been made to meet this deadline, information commissioned to support the accounts was based on the previous deadline and therefore, there has been a slight delay to allow appropriate scrutiny before publication.

Notice is hereby given under the amended regulations for accounts with the year ended 31st March 2023 that from Monday 12th June to Friday 21st July 2023 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 31st March 2023, 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 Landmark, St Peter's Square, 1 Oxford Street, Manchester, M1 4PB.

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: 9th June 2023

Clare Hodgson

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