

Public inspection notice for the 2019/20 annual accounts

Audit of Accounts Year Ended 31st March 2020 – Notice of Public Rights

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 Regulation 15 (as amended by The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020)

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 Regulations 26 & 27

The unaudited Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2020 have been published on the Council's website. The accounts are currently being audited and may be subject to change. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process as detailed below.

Notice is hereby given that from Tuesday 1st September 2020 to Monday 12th October 2020, Mondays to Fridays inclusive between 10am and 4:00pm any person may inspect, and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other related documents of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2020, 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.

Blackpool Council will follow Government guidelines regarding COVID-19 and in particular social distancing guidance in order to keep the public and staff safe. Therefore the accounts and other documents will be available for inspection by prior appointment only. Please contact the Director of Resources at Blackpool Council, PO Box 4, Town Hall, Blackpool FY1 1NA or email TreasuryManagement@blackpool.gov.uk to make an appointment.

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 Director of Resources at Blackpool Council, PO Box 4, Town Hall, Blackpool FY1 1NA.

Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and particulars of:

1. Any item of account which is alleged to be contrary to law; and
2. 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, Nicola Wright, Deloitte LLP, One Trinity Gardens, Broad Clare, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 2HF.

[A guide to your rights can be found on the National Audit Office website.](#)

Steve Thompson

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