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The annual statement of accounts is a statutory summary of our financial affairs for the financial year and is prepared in accordance with the code of practice on local authority accounting in the United Kingdom.

The purpose of our statement of accounts is to give clear information on our overall finances and to demonstrate our stewardship of public money for the year.

Independent auditors report annually whether the statement of accounts fairly represents our financial position of income and expenditure. Their report is included in the statement of accounts.

The auditors also look at the quality of our services, whether money is spent economically and efficiently and at our performance. This is reported in the annual audit and inspection letter.

Statement of accounts

You can download the most recent statement of accounts below.

[Draft statement of accounts 2019-20 \[PDF 2.05MB\]](#)

[Audited statement of accounts 2018-19 \[PDF 1.93MB\]](#)

[Audited statement of accounts 2017-18 \[PDF 1.49MB\]](#)

You can download the most recent annual audit letter below.

[Blackpool Council annual audit letter 2017-18 \[PDF 1.04MB\]](#)

[Notice of completion of the audit of the accounts 17/18 \[PDF 63KB\]](#)

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You can view the Interim Annual Governance Statement for 2019-2020 below:

[Interim Annual Governance Statement 2019-20 \[PDF 932KB\]](#)

Public inspection of accounts

You can view the public inspection of accounts notice below:

[Public inspection notice for the 2019/20 annual accounts \[PDF 424KB\]](#)

Blackpool Council

Audit of Accounts, Year Ended 31 March 2020

Amendment to Notice of Public Rights

The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

On 3 April 2020 the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) wrote to all local authorities confirming details of changes made to the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The requirement for the 2019/20 Statement of Accounts public inspection period to include the first ten working days of June has been removed. Instead, local authorities must commence the public inspection period on or before the first working day of September 2020, which means that the 2019/20 Statement of Accounts must be published by 31 August 2020 at the latest.

Blackpool Council's public inspection period would usually commence on the first working day of June but will not this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Instead the public inspection period will be set at a later date on or before the first working day of September 2020 in line with the amended Regulations.

Notice of the Council's 2019/20 Statement of Accounts public inspection period will be made on the Council's website on completion of the Council's Statement of Accounts (subject to audit). As required by the amended Regulations the public inspection period will last for a period of 30 working days from the commencement date included in the notice.

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