

Kirklees Council

Audit of Accounts 2018-19 Notice of Public Inspection Rights

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Mr Robin Baker, for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP, No 1 Whitehall Riverside, Leeds LS1 4BN. Local residents and interested persons have certain rights in the audit process.

Notice is hereby given under the above regulations that from 3 June to 12 July 2019 between 9.00am and 4.00pm on weekdays, any person interested may inspect and make copies of the Council's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating thereto. Please note that some documents containing personal or commercially-privileged information may not be available.

The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at Civic Centre 3, High Street, Huddersfield by prior arrangement. Please telephone 01484 221000 (James Anderson) or email CentralFinance@kirklees.gov.uk to make arrangements to inspect the accounts and documents. The unaudited accounts, which include the Narrative Report and the Annual Governance Statement, will be available to view at www.kirklees.gov.uk/accounts by 31 May 2019.

From 3 June to 12 July 2019, a local 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 must be sent in writing to the auditor named above, with a copy to the Council's Service Director Finance at the address below. Any written notice of objection must state –

- a) The facts on which the local elector relies;
- b) The grounds on which the objection is being made; and
- c) So far as is possible, 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 above Act.

A comprehensive guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2015/03/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf>

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