

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2019/2020

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

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

The unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 has been published on the Council's website at www.northwarks.gov.uk – audit of accounts. As these are unaudited, they may be subject to change.

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by the Auditor, Mrs Helen Henshaw of Ernst and Young LLP, No 1 Colmore Square, Birmingham, B4 6HQ (Contact details are hhenshaw@uk.ey.com - telephone (0)7770 608 414). Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process.

Due to the Council Offices remaining closed to public access due to Covid-19 requests to view documents in person cannot currently be accommodated. Therefore, please email your requests to the Corporate Director - Resources at suegarner@northwarks.gov.uk. This is to ensure that your rights as an elector under the Act are not affected.

1. From Monday 30th November 2020 to Friday 8th January 2021 between 9.00am - 5.00pm any person may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March 2020 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at the address given below. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents. Exceptions to this are 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.
2. From Monday 30th November 2020 to Friday 8th January 2021 a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may ask the audit manager questions about the accounts. Please contact the audit manager at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.
3. From Monday 30th November 2020 to Friday 8th January 2021 a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may object to the Council's accounts (under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014) asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 24 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014) and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law (under section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014). Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

Dated this 30th day of November 2020

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