

Eastbourne Borough Council

Public inspection notice for the 2020/21 annual accounts

Audit of Accounts Year Ended 31st March 2021 – 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

NOTICE is hereby given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 will be published by 2 August 2021 on the Council's website at https://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/access-to-information/financial-information/statement-of-accounts/. The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

Notice is hereby given that from 2 August 2021 to 13 September 2021, Mondays to Fridays inclusive between 10:00am 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 2021, 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. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at the address below, or otherwise by arrangement.

NOTICE is also given that from 2 August 2021 to 13 September 2021, at the request of a Local Government Elector for any area to which the accounts relate, will give the Elector or his/her representative an opportunity to make written objections as to any matter in respect of which the Auditor could take action under Section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The written notice of objection must state the facts on which the Elector relies, the grounds on which the objection is being made and particulars of:

- a) any item of account which is alleged to be contrary to law; and
- b) 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 Act.

No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection, specifying the facts on which the objector relies and the grounds on which the objection is being made. The written notice of objections should be addressed to Ben Sheriff, Deloitte LLP, 1 New Street Square, London EC4A 3HQ. A copy of the notice of objection must also be sent to Ben Sheriff (Deloitte), and Homira Javadi (Chief Finance Officer) at the address shown below.

The 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.

A guide to your rights can be found at: National Audit Office: Local authority accounts - a guide to your rights

https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2015/03/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf

Homira Javadi, Chief Finance Officer, Eastbourne Borough Council, Town Hall,

Grove Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4UG.