North Norfolk District Council

Public Inspection of Accounts

Notice of Public Rights

Audit of Accounts Year Ended 31 March 2021

LOCAL AUDIT & ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014, SECTIONS 26 & 27

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS, 2015, REGS. 9, 14 & 15

The Council's Draft Accounts for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2021 are now available on the Council's website www.north-norffolk.gov.uk. These are subject to external audit by Mr M Hodgson of Ernst & Young, One Cambridge Business Park, Cambridge, CB4 0WZ. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. From 2 August 2021 to 13 September 2021 inclusive, Mondays to Fridays between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m., any person may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2021 on the Council's website. On reasonable notice they may request access to certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) 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. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents. Application should initially be made to the Accountancy section at the email address given below.

2. From 2 August 2021 to 13 September 2021 inclusive, Mondays to Fridays between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m., a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.

3. From 2 August 2021 to 13 September 2021 inclusive, Mondays to Fridays between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m., a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may object to the Council's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 26 of the Local Audit & Accountability Act 2014) and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law (under section 27 of the Local Audit & 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.

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The public inspection period for 2020/21 has been delayed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. The period for the exercise of public rights under the <u>Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014</u> is normally required to include the first 10 working days of June; this requirement has been suspended for the accounting periods ending 31 March 2020 and 2021 resulting in a public inspection commencing no later than 1 August 2021.