

Wirral Metropolitan Borough Council

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015
Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014
The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15 (2 and 3) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 that the unaudited statement of accounts which may be subject to change for the year ended 31 March 2021 will be published on the Council's website at: <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/about-council/budget-and-spending/annual-accounts> by 31 July 2021.

The period for the exercise of public rights under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 is normally required to include the first 10 working days of June. However, the requirement has been suspended for 2020 and 2021.

This means that for the deadline to publish the Council's unaudited accounts has now moved from 31st May 2021 to 31st July 2021, with the deadline for publishing audited statements being moved from 31st July 2020 to 30th September 2021.

Notice is given that from 12 July 2021 to 20 August 2021 (inclusive) between 10:00 hours and 16:00 hours on weekdays any person may inspect the accounting records for the financial year to which the audit relates. The accounting records include all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other related documents to those records and they may make copies of all or any part of those records or documents, as required under Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (The Act), except as provided for in Section 26 of The Act.

The accounts and other documents would normally be available for inspection at Council's offices at Wallasey Town Hall, Brighton Street, Wallasey, Wirral, CH44 8ED. However, the ongoing impact of Coronavirus this may require alternative arrangements to be made. If so, this will be confirmed when contact is made. Please email Diane Grisdale at Fin_publicinspection@wirral.gov.uk to make an appointment.

Notice is given that from 12 July 2021 to 20 August 2021, a local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, or their representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts as set out in Section 26 of The Act.

Notice is given any such elector may make objections to the auditor, under Section 27 of The Act during this period, relating to any matter where the auditor could take action under:

- Section 28 of The Act, namely, to apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law; and/or
- Section 24 and paragraph 1 of schedule 7 of The Act, namely, to make a report in the public interest.

Any objection, and the grounds on which it is made, must be sent to the auditor in writing, with a copy to Diane Grisdale, Senior Finance Manager, at the following email address Fin_publicinspection@wirral.gov.uk. Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and particulars of the objection.

Objections should be directed to the auditor, Mark C Stocks of Grant Thornton UK LLP (The Colmore Building, 20 Colmore Circus, Birmingham, B4 6AT (direct) +44 (0)121 232 5437 M +44 (0)7584 591488 email mark.c.stocks@uk.gt.com).



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- A guide to your rights can be found at: [National Audit Office: Local authority accounts - a guide to your rights](#)

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