

Watford Borough Council

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS- NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019

LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014 and the ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (England) REGULATIONS 2015

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Ms Maria Grindley of Ernst & Young LLP, Apex Plaza, Forbury Road, Reading, RG1 1YE. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. From 29th May 2019 to 12th July 2019 between 09:00am and 4:30pm any person may inspect, at the address given below, the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2019 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts), except as provided for in sections 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.
2. From 9.00am on 29th May 2019 to 12th July 2019, 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 09:00am on 29th May 2019 to 12th July 2019, 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 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014) relating to any matter where the auditor could take action under;
 - ☐ Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, 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 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to make a report in the public interest.

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.

28th May 2019

Joanne Wagstaffe (Director of Finance)

Watford Borough Council, Town Hall, Watford, Hertfordshire, WD17 3EX