

## Northampton Borough Council

### Statement of Accounts 2018/19 - Public Inspection Notice

Notice of the Commencement of the Period for the Exercise of Public Rights under  
The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (sections 25-28)  
The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

The period for the exercise of public rights commences at 10am on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 and will conclude at 4pm on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

The following documents will be made available at the One Stop Shop, The Guildhall:

- The Statement of Accounts
- The Annual Governance Statement
- The Narrative Report

The full draft Statement of Accounts (**for audit**) will be published online by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 when they are released to the external auditors at the following link- [NBC Statement of Accounts Webpage](#)

These are unaudited draft accounts and they may be subject to change:

The delay in the audit of the 2018/19 accounts are a result of

- The Councils accounts for 2018/19 are subject to external audit by Steve Clark – Partner, Ernst Young LLP, 1 Colmore Square, Birmingham B4 6HQ, United Kingdom. Their engagement has been postponed until the final conclusion of the 2017/18 accounts by outgoing auditors KPMG.

(1) From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 any person may inspect the accounting records of the Council for the financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, and request certain related documents (for example books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at the address given below or otherwise by arrangement. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents. These rights are restricted to prevent access to documents containing information which is protected on the grounds of commercial confidentiality, or containing personal information, under Section 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

(2) From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at the request of a local government elector, the local auditor must give the elector, or any representative of the elector, an opportunity to question the auditor about the accounting records of the Council.

(3) From 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019 to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 as part of the audit process a local government elector for the area of the Council or his/her representative may object to the Council's accounts (section 27) asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (section 24) or apply to the Court for a declaration that an item of account is unlawful under (section 28) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

These rights are restricted to prevent access to documents containing information which is protected on the grounds of commercial confidentiality, or containing personal information, under Section 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Written notice of the proposed objection and the grounds on which it will be made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and also copied to the Chief Financial Officer of the Council at the address given below.

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