

NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014, SECTIONS 25, 26 & 27
ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015
as amended by THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (CORONAVIRUS) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 2020
REGULATIONS 14, 15 & 21
LOCAL AUDIT (PUBLIC ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS) ACT 2017, SECTION 1

The period for the exercise of public rights commences at 11am on 31 January 2022 and will conclude at 4pm on 11 March 2022. The full draft Statement of Accounts for 2020/21 will be published online by 31 January 2022 at the following link- [NBC Statement of Accounts Webpage](#) . These are unaudited draft accounts and may be subject to change:

The Council's accounts for 2020/21 are subject to external audit by Janet Dawson, Partner, Ernst & Young LLP, 1 More London Riverside, London SE1 2AF.

From 31 January 2022 to 11 March 2022 any person may inspect the accounting records of the Council for the financial year to 31 March 2021, and request certain related documents (for example books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts). 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. Requests to inspect records should be made by email to ClosureOfAccounts21.NCC@westnorthants.gov.uk or in writing to the Chief Finance Officer at the address below.

From 31 January 2022 to 11 March 2022 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.

From 31 January to 11 March 2022 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 copied to the Chief Financial Officer of the Council at the address given below.

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