

ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 sections 25 to 28

Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 (regulations 14, 15)

The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020.

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by David Hoose, Mazars LLP, Park View House, 58 The Ropewalk, Nottingham, NG1 5DW. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

Under Regulation 15 of the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015, the Authority's statement of accounts, annual governance statement and narrative report should be made available for public inspection for a single period of 30 working days. The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulation 2020 requires that this period must commence on or before the first working day of September.

1. Under Section 26 of the Local and Accountability Act 2014, from 1st September 2020 to 12th October 2020 between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm any person may inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2020 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at the address given below. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents.

2. From 9:00 am on 1st September 2020 until 5:00pm on 12th October 2020, 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 9:00 am on 1st September 2020 until 5:00pm on 12th October 2020, 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). A local elector who wishes to make an objection must first make sure the Auditor has received written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made by sending to the above address. A copy of that notice must also be sent to me at the address given below.

17th August 2020

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Please contact Peter Hudson, Corporate Finance Manager (& Section 151 Officer) on 01623 457362