

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020 – NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Ernst & Young LLP, Grosvenor House, Grosvenor Square, Southampton, SO15 2BE. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. From 1 July 2020 to 11 August 2020 (Monday to Thursday between 9.00 am and 5pm, Friday between 9.00 am and 4.30 pm) any person may on reasonable notice inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2020 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records). They may also make copies of the accounts and documents. These rights do not cover documents as provided for in Section 26(4) to 26(6) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in relation to commercially confidential and personal information. Contact should be made by email to corporate.finance@iow.gov.uk
2. From 1 July 2020 until 11 August 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 1 July 2020 until 11 August 2020 a local government elector for the area of the Council, or his/her representative, may make objections to the auditor, 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.

Dated 30 June 2020

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