

Inspection of Accounts 2019/20

Audit of Accounts Year Ended 31st March 2020 Notice of Public Rights

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 and the Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, that from 10 July 2020 to 20 August 2020 between 9.30am and 4.30pm on weekdays any person may inspect, and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other related documents of the Council for the year ended 31st March 2020, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Some documents containing personal or commercially-privileged information may not be available for inspection. Due to the current COVID 19 restrictions, the accounts are available for inspection via the Council website, a printed copy of the accounts will be available for a charge. Any requests to view vouchers and documents associated with the accounts should be made by prior arrangement. Please note due to the current stay at home advice and closure of many council premises to public access, the location chosen to view such vouchers and documents will be advised on request. A suitable location will be found which will be as conveniently situated as possible within the current restrictions. Please telephone 01782 236877 to make arrangements to inspect the accounts and documents. The accounts will also be available on the Council website at [Stoke-on-Trent City Council - Accounts](#)

During this period, a local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, or their representative, may question the auditor about the accounts, or make an objection to the accounts as set out in sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Any objection, and the grounds on which it is made, must be sent to the auditor in writing, with a copy to me at the address given below. Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and particulars of:

- i) Any item of account which is alleged to be contrary to law; and
- ii) any matter in respect of which it is proposed that the auditor could make a public interest report under section 24 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 to, the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

A guide to your rights can be found at [Council Accounts:-A Guide to your Rights](#)

Objections should be addressed to the Council's auditor,

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