

## **Inspection of Accounts 2020/21**

### **Audit of Accounts Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 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 (Amendment) Regulations 2021, that from 2 August 2021 to 13 September 2021 between 10.00am and 4.00pm 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The accounts and other documents would usually be available for inspection at Civic Centre, Glebe Street, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 1HH by prior arrangement. However, the ongoing impact of coronavirus may require alternative arrangements to be made. If so, this will be confirmed when contact is made. Any requests to view vouchers and documents associated with the accounts should be made by prior arrangement. Please telephone 01782 238633 or e-mail [finance@stoke.gov.uk](mailto:finance@stoke.gov.uk) to make arrangements to inspect the accounts and documents. The accounts were presented to Audit Committee on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and can be accessed on the Council website here [Agenda for Audit Committee - Thursday, 29 July 2021](#) and will also be available 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, Hassan Rohimun, Associate Partner of Ernst & Young LLP, 2 St. Peter's Square, Manchester, M2 3DF.

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Date: 30<sup>th</sup> July 2021