

HEREFORD & WORCESTER FIRE AUTHORITY

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Please note that in response to COVID-19 the requirement to prepare draft accounts by 31 May has been extended to 31 July in accordance with MHCLG guidance and the requirement for the public inspection period to include the first 10 working days of June has been removed. Instead, local authorities must commence the public inspection period on or before the first working day of August 2021.

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 that from 2nd August to 10th September 2021 inclusive, between 9.00am and 5.00pm Mondays to Thursdays (4.00pm Fridays) 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 Fire Authority for the year ended 31st March 2021, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority, Hindlip Park, Worcester, WR3 8SP by prior arrangement. Please telephone 01905 368301 to make an appointment. The accounts will also be available at <http://www.hwfire.org.uk>

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 the Clerk to the Authority, Nigel Snape, Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority, Hindlip Park, Worcester, WR3 8SP. 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.

Objections should be addressed to the auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP at Colmore Plaza, 20 Colmore Circus, Birmingham, West Midlands, B4 6AT.

A guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2015/12/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf>

Date: 30th July 2021



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