# Audit of Accounts year ended 31 March 2021

# Notice of Public Rights

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

**The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021**

 In response to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Government has introduced ‘The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021’. These Regulations provide authorities with additional time to complete the audit of their accounts for 2020/21, given the impact of the Covid-19 virus on the availability of local authority staff and auditors to complete the audit process within current deadlines. These Regulations apply only in relation to annual accounts relating to the 2020/21 and 2021/22 financial years.

 The period for the exercise of public rights under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 is normally required to include the first 10 working days of June. However, the requirement has been suspended for 2020 and 2021. This means that for the deadline to publish the Council’s unaudited accounts has now moved from 31 May 2021 to 31 July 2021, with the deadline for publishing audited statements being moved from 31 July 2021 to 30 September 2021.

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2) (b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 that from 8 October 2024 to 18 November 2024 between 9am and 4pm 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 31March 2021, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Should you wish to inspect the accounts and other documents please email your request to Ilyas.bham@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk or telephone 01455 255 924.

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 Head of Finance of Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council at the following address :-

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Hinckley Hub,

Rugby Road,

Hinckley,

Leicestershire, LE10 0FR.

Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection is being made and particulars of:

1. any item of account which is alleged to be contrary to law; and
2. 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, Helen Henshaw, Ernst & Young LLP, No. 1 Colmore Square, Birmingham B4 6HQ, United Kingdom.

A guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/wp-content/uploads/sites/29/2015/03/Council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights.pdf>

Date: 08 October 2024

Ashley Wilson – Head of Finance

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

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