

HASTINGS BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2019 Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

The Council's accounts are subject to external audit by Grant Thornton UK LLP, 110 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 4AY. Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. From Monday 3rd June to Friday 12th July 2019 inclusive between 9:00am and 5:00pm any person may inspect the unaudited statement of accounts of the Council for the year ended 31st March 2019 and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at the address given below. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents. The unaudited statement of accounts for 2018/19 and draft Annual Governance Statement are available to view at https://www.hastings.gov.uk/my_council/transparency/budgets/. The accounts may be subject to change pending the outcome of review by the appointed auditor.
2. From Monday 3rd June to Friday 12th July 2019, a local government elector for the area of Hastings Borough 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 Monday 3rd June to Friday 12th July 2019, a local government elector for Hastings Borough Council, or his/her representative, may object to the Council's accounts asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law as set out in sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. Written notice of a proposed objection must be sent to the auditor (c/o Darren Wells, Engagement Lead) at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

The objection must state the grounds on which it 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.

Dated: 31st May 2019

Peter Grace – Assistant Director Financial Services & Revenues and Section 151 Officer.

Hastings Borough Council

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