

Public inspection notice 2020 to 2021

Audit of accounts 2020 to 2021

- Notice of the commencement of the period for the exercise of public rights.
- Local audit and accountability act 2014 (sections 26 and 27).
- Accounts and audit regulations 2015.
- Regulations 9(1)(b), 14(1), 15(1).

The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) Amendments Regulations 2021 extend the statutory deadlines for 2020/21 for all local authorities.

The unaudited Statement of Accounts are required to be published on the Council's website no later than 2 August 2021.

Public Inspection

To give local authorities more flexibility, 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.

The commencement of Public Inspection will be published on the Council's website in due course.

Due to the historic delays in respect of prior years accounts finalisation – experienced by the internal Finance team, and as reported to the Audit and Governance Committee – there has been a delay in the completion and subsequent publication of the draft Accounts for 2020/21. The Finance team are currently working with the external auditors to resolve the final outstanding issues relating to the Accounts for 2018/19 and 2019/20; it is anticipated that the audited Accounts for 2020/21 will be published as soon as reasonably practicable.