

Date: 1 July 2020

## NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL

### AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS – NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

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

NOTICE is given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 has been published on the Council's website at [www.n-somerset.gov.uk](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk). The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has extended the statutory deadlines for the publication of the Council's draft and audited accounts compared to previous years. In previous years, the period for the exercise of public rights would be for 30 working days, including the first 10 working days of July. The period for exercise of public rights will be delayed as follows in 2019/2020.

NOTICE is given that from 1 August 2020 to 16 September 2020 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, any person interested may on reasonable notice inspect and make copies of the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2020 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts, except as provided for in Section 26(4) to 26(6) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in relation to commercially confidential and personal information. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at the offices at which they are normally kept, or otherwise by arrangement; application should be made initially to the Interim Head of Finance (s151 Officer) at the address given below.

NOTICE is given that, at the request of a local government elector for the Council's area, the Council will give the elector or any representative an opportunity to question the auditors about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given below to make arrangements to ask any questions.

NOTICE is given that any such elector may make objections to the auditor, under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, relating to any matter where the auditor could take action under:

- Section 28 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law, and/or
- Section 24 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, namely, to make a report in the public interest.

No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection, specifying the facts on which the objector relies and the grounds on which the objection is being made. A copy of that written notice must also be sent to the Council at the address below.

NOTICE is given that the auditor is Grant Thornton UK LLP of 2, Glass Wharf, Bristol BS2 0ZX.

Dated: 1 July 2020

R Penska, Director of Finance

North Somerset Council, Town Hall, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1UJ.