

# FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL

## AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

Having consulted with key stakeholders and taking into consideration the increasing impact of COVID-19, the Government have decided that:

- **The publication date for final, audited, accounts will be extended from 31 July to 30 September for two years (2020/21 and 2021/22)**
- **To give local authorities more flexibility, the requirement for the public inspection period to include a fixed period has been removed. Instead local authorities must publish draft accounts and commence the public inspection period on or before the first working day of August.**

The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021 implementing these changes came into force on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

If publication is not possible by these dates the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021 require the local authority to publish a notice stating that it has not been able to commence the period for the exercise of public rights.

In compliance with these regulations, this notice is to state that the public inspection period that should have commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> August has been delayed while work continues to complete the draft accounts for 2021/22. A further notification will be published as soon as the draft accounts are available for inspection.