

FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020 NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2014/2/pdfs/ukpga_20140002_en.pdf

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/234/pdfs/uksi_20150234_en.pdf

Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/25/pdfs/ukpga_20170025_en.pdf

Notice is hereby given under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 that from 19 June 2020 to 30 July 2020 any persons interested or any journalist may, on request, inspect the accounting records for the financial year ended 31 March 2020 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other documents relating to those records and make copies of all or any part of those records or documents, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

The unaudited statement of accounts for 2019/20 and draft Annual Governance Statement are available to view at <https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/your-council/finances-and-audit/statement-of-accounts>. The accounts may be subject to change pending the outcome of review by the appointed auditor.

During the above 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 Charlotte Spendley, Director of Corporate Services at the address 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.

Objections should be addressed to the auditor, Paul Dossett at Grant Thornton UK LLP, 110 Bishopsgate, London, EC2N 4AY.



Charlotte Spendley, FCCA
Director of Corporate Services,
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Civic Centre,
Castle Hill Avenue,
Folkestone, Kent
CT20 2QY

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Statement of Accounts 2019/20 – inspection requests

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A guide to public inspection 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>

Requests can be submitted online or in writing between 19 June and 30 July 2020.

We aim to respond within 5 working days.

Requests that require us to assemble significant volumes of information may take longer.

A copy of the requested information will be provided by e-mail or in hard copy through the post.

There is no additional charge for providing an e-mail response to inspection requests.

Responses that exceed 20mb in size may not be suitable for emailing and will be posted to you instead.

We reserve the right to make charges for copies however this will not be the case where information is provided via email or in hard copy through the post.

An inspection request may be refused if:

- It does not comply with the regulations and guidance on public inspection. A Freedom of Information Enquiry may be more appropriate [<https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/your-council/council-information/request-council-information>]
- The information is already published on the council's website [<https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/your-council/local-government-transparency-code/data-transparency>]
- It relates to information which is protected on the grounds of commercial confidentiality
- It requires disclosure of personal information that identifies a particular individual or enables a particular individual to be identified
- It requires us to assemble unreasonable volumes of information or create new records solely for the purpose of responding.

How to submit an inspection request

Online www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/statement-of-accounts/inspection-requests

or, In writing to:

Statement of Accounts 2019/20 – Public Inspection
Folkestone & Hythe District Council,
FAO Lead Accountant
Floor 2 (Accountancy), Civic Centre,
Castle Hill Avenue,
Folkestone, Kent
CT20 2QY

Please include your name, correspondence address and details of your inspection request.