

WEST BERKSHIRE COUNCIL

NOTICE OF THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PERIOD FOR THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

THE LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014

THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015

THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2021

Notice is given that the unaudited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 has been published on the Council's website at <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/article/28570/Statement-of-Accounts-and-Audit>.

The Statement of Accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

Notice is given that from Monday 2 August to Monday 13 September 2021 (between 9.00am and 4.30pm Mondays to Fridays), any person interested may on reasonable notice inspect the accounts of the Council for the year ended 31 March 2021. They may request access to 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 address below or otherwise by arrangement.

Notice is given that from Monday 2 August to Monday 13 September 2021 the auditor, at the request of a local government elector for the Council's area, will give the elector or his/her representative an opportunity to question him/her regarding the accounts.

Notice is given that from Monday 2 August to Monday 13 September 2021, 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, 2 Glass Wharf, BRISTOL, BS2 0EL (telephone 0117 305 7600) to whom any questions and notices of objection should be addressed.

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