

SOLIHULL METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020
PUBLIC INSPECTION PERIOD

The Draft Accounting Statement and Draft Annual Governance Statement have been published on the Council's website and is available at <http://www.solihull.gov.uk/About-the-Council/Performance-spending/councilspending/financialdocuments>. The Accounting Statement is unaudited and may be subject to change.

Under Regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, from Tuesday 16 June to Monday 27 July 2020 any person may inspect and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts for the year ended 31 March 2020, as stipulated in Sections 25 and 26 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, except as provided for in Section 26(4) to 26(10) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 in relation to commercially confidential or personal information.

During the on-going Covid-19 pandemic, the practice of inspection may differ from previous years. The Draft Accounting Statement, other documents and the Draft Annual Governance Statement can still be reviewed through contacting; corporatecontrol@solihull.gov.uk

During the inspection period which commences on 16 June 2020 and concludes on 27 July 2020 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 section 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Please note Section 27 requires that any objection, and the grounds on which it is being made, must be sent to the auditor in writing and copied to the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive at the address given above. Any objection must state the grounds on which the objection 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, Grant Thornton UK LLP at Colmore Plaza, 20 Colmore Circus, Birmingham B4 6AT.

A guide to your rights 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>

[signed by Paul Johnson on 15 June 2020]

P.Johnson CPFA
Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive
Date: 15 June 2020