

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014, SECTIONS 25, 26 & 27
ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015
REGULATIONS 14, 15 & 21
LOCAL AUDIT (PUBLIC ACCESS TO DOCUMENTS) ACT 2017, SECTION 1

NOTICE is given that the unaudited statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 has been published on the Council's website <http://www.reading.gov.uk/statementofaccounts>. The statement of accounts is unaudited and may be subject to change.

Notice is given that, from 27th February to 9th April 2020 between 9.30am and 4.30pm on weekdays, any person interested may inspect and make copies of the accounts of Reading Borough Council for the year ended 31st March 2019 and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts relating to those accounts. Some documents containing personal or commercially-privileged information may not be available for inspection. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at the offices of the Council; application should be made initially to the Council Offices at the address below.

Notice is also given that during this period, the auditor, at the request of a local government elector for Reading Borough Council, will give the elector or his/her representative an opportunity to question her about the accounts. Any such elector or his/her representative may attend before the auditor and make objections as to any matter in respect of which the auditor could take action under Section 26 or 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 (namely, an unlawful item of account, failure to bring the sum into account, or loss or deficiency caused by wilful misconduct), or could make a report in the public interest under Section 24 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 7 to, that Act.

Questions may be received by prior arrangement with the auditor, Maria Grindley, Ernst & Young LLP (Apex Plaza, Forbury Road, Reading, RG1 1YE - Tel. 023 8038 2000) to whom requests for this purpose should be addressed. No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection and its grounds. A copy of that notice must be sent to the Executive Director of Resources, Reading Borough Council, Resources Directorate, Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Reading, RG1 2LU (Tel 0118 937 3787).

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>

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