



Audit of Accounts Year ended 31ST March 2022
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
Local Audit (Public Access to Documents) Act 2017

The period for the exercise of public rights under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 is normally required to include the first 10 working days of June. However, in response to the Pandemic amendments to the regulations to allow additional time for local authorities to prepare their accounts and for auditors to complete their external audit. These regulations now mean the deadline for publishing unaudited accounts is the 31st July 2022. Further amendments coming into force from 22nd July 2022 mean that the deadline for the publication of audited accounts will be 30th November 2022.

Notice is hereby given under the regulations set out above that from **13th July 2022 to 23rd August 2022** on weekdays between 9.00am and 5.00pm, any person interested may inspect and make copies of the accounts and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and other related documents of the above named Council for the year ended 31st March 2022, as stipulated in Section 25 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014. The unaudited accounts and other documents will be available for inspection at the offices at which they are normally kept. Application should be made initially to the Financial Management Unit by contacting Lisa Turner (Chief Accountant) telephone 01283 508399 (e-mail: lisa.turner@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk). The accounts will also be available at www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/budgets-and-spending/statement-of-accounts.

During this period, a local government elector for any area to which the unaudited 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 the Chief Finance Officer, East Staffordshire Borough Council, Town Hall, Burton Place, Burton Upon Trent DE14 2EB. 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 Andy Smith, Key Audit Partner, Grant Thornton UK LLP, 17th Floor, 103 Colmore Row, Birmingham, B3 3AG.

A comprehensive guide to your rights can be found at <https://www.nao.org.uk/code-audit-practice/council-accounts-a-guide-to-your-rights/>

Dated this 12th day of July 2022
Sal Khan
Head of Service

East Staffordshire
Borough Council
Town Hall, Burton Place
Burton upon Trent DE14 2EB